

Comment
of the
day

CONSCIENCE
MONEY

ONE cannot but admire the tenacity of Mr. George Thomson, Member of Parliament for Dundee East, and if he serves his constituency with half the zeal with which he interferes in the affairs of this Colony, then his constituency is fortunate, and, we hope, they appreciate his qualities.

Insofar that he knows nothing of the kind of people we are, and that his idea of Hongkong is sketched by some romantic writer circa 1900, is quite beside the point.

Mr. Thomson has a fixture phobia, and all the facts and figures assembled by qualified accountants and statisticians are unequal to Mr. Thomson's obsession that the people of Hongkong who are paying salaries tax are not paying enough.

We are not prepared to ask our readers to wander again through the figures we published in a leader of Thursday, November 17, but here are the facts stated briefly.

Only a handful of our vast population pay salaries tax: If Government doubled the rate of taxation on salaries, the extra income so derived would be infinitesimal.

Or, as we clearly stated at the time should Government widen its net and scoop up a whole section of the community at the moment excused paying salaries tax, it would hit most severely that large section of the community which forms the solid base upon which this flourishing Colony is established.

But, says Mr. Thomson, that is just what the Colony wants; and with a bewildering premise, logical only that it is consistently illogical, quotes the Quakers on behalf of the Colony.

Now we have immense respect for the Quakers, but as a people who are known as "quiet" we are a little astonished to find them hawking their conscience in the House of Commons.

For if their conscience is really smitten, and they do not feel that they are paying enough salaries tax, the solution is simple, and one we are sure the Treasury will accommodate. All they have to do is to write out a cheque, and enclose the difference between the sum they pay and the sum they feel they should pay, mark it conscience money, and remit it.

In so doing, they will be twice blessed. Their consciences will be at ease, and maybe Mr. Thomson will then address himself to the affairs of Dundee East.



SELAASSIE

TEMPERATURE
PLUMMETS
AS COLD WAVE
HITS COLONY

Temperature in the Colony plunged to 47.6 degrees Fahrenheit at 8 this morning as Hongkong shivered in the grip of a cold surge from China.

It will remain colder than the past few days until the cold current has passed away, said a spokesman for the Royal Observatory.

The 8 am reading today was nearly five degrees lower than the minimum of 52.2 degrees recorded at midnight yesterday.

The cold spell is expected to linger for a few more days, day when Northern Kwangtung will experience below freezing temperature of minus two to four degrees Centigrade (28.4 to 24.8 degrees Fahrenheit).

Meanwhile, Typhoon Phyllis is moving away from the Colony.

At 10 am today, the typhoon was centered about 600 miles southeast of Hongkong and was moving northeast at six knots, according to the Royal Observatory.

Bloody coup's
toll may
reach 2,000

Addis Ababa, Dec. 18.
Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia made a nation-wide broadcast today and promised an amnesty to all who took part in the abortive coup d'etat if they admitted their errors.

It was his first broadcast since he returned to his country on Friday after cutting short his visit to Brazil.

It was learned that the total of dead and injured during the revolt is expected to be about 2,000.

Shooting between loyal forces and the rebels continued last night and until this morning.

All government buildings have been badly damaged by bombs and heavy artillery.

Blood is everywhere—on walls and in the streets. Houses and cars have been wrecked.

Officials said that altogether 18 high-ranking government officials were killed by the rebels.

Hotstages

The officials said that these were among 50 hostages kept in the dining room of the Imperial Guard headquarters.

The American Information Centre and the offices of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa are both badly damaged.

The United Nations reported that it lost two members of its local staff.

The hospitals are full of injured and dying.

In his broadcast today, Emperor Haile Selassie expressed his sadness for what he called an "irresponsible" revolt, and his sympathy for the families of all who lost their lives.

Making his offer of an amnesty to fleeing rebels who surrendered and admitted their errors, he said that they could hand themselves over to all his representatives in all provinces.

He referred to progress made in Ethiopia and said that his travels abroad had been to make friends with the nations of the world.

The Addis Ababa broadcast which said that "thousands" of people had died in the revolt announced officially that the attempted coup had been entirely crushed by loyal army, elements and Ethiopian citizens.

Beginning

It said: "Some officers of the Imperial Guard deceived their soldiers that the revolt was in the interest of the Emperor.

"Thousands of innocent people lost their lives, and many were injured.

"The revolt started on December 14, when the Commander of the Imperial Guard called all Army and Air Force generals to start a revolt—but the generals deceived him and went out and started a move against the Imperial Guard.

The broadcast said that some civilians, including the brother of General Manglayot Neway, Commander of the Imperial

SIX HURT
CABLE CAR
CRASHES
23 FEET TO
GROUND

Tokyo, Dec. 19.
Six people were seriously injured late on Sunday when an aerial suspension car crashed 23 feet to the ground.

The 1,376-foot cableway up Mt. Tanitawa, 100 miles north of Tokyo, was completed a week ago and was in capacity use for the first time.

Slicker in 30 other gondolas on the line—some as high as 100 feet—were evacuated with ropes.

BLAME

Operators blamed the accident on heavy winds, but the Safety Department Co. builders said the aerial tram was tested and safely operated in winds blowing at twice the velocity of Sunday's storm.

In another ski accident, a teenager was killed when he fell from a snowslide on Mt. Yokusake on Hokkaido. Two companions escaped.—AP.

Author
dies
suddenly

Exeter, Dec. 18.
American-born author and journalist Negley Farson died suddenly of his North Devonshire home yesterday at the age of 70.

In Plainfield, New Jersey, Negley Farson has been described as "an author more adventurous than most."

His books include "The Way of a Transgressor," "Dumb in the Moon," and "Last Chance in Africa," and he has an entry in the British Who's Who reading like an adventure story.

Mr. Farson had an exorbitant business in Czarist Russia for three years and saw the Russian revolution.

The entry goes on: "Enlisted in British Royal Flying Corps and sent to Egypt, where as scout pilot he had had crash which has left him lame ever since."

"Went to live two years in forests in British Columbia, left that to take small sailboat across Europe from North to Black Sea; joined staff of Chicago Daily News, special missions India and Egypt, and was their correspondent in most capitals of Europe, including five years in London."

Mr. Farson was a former president of the Association of American Correspondents in London.

He leaves a widow and a son, Daniel Farson, who is well known on British Television.—China Mail Special.

Better life

The next day, the sources said, the coup started at 3 am.

The first statement announcing the revolt was read and a recording taken by force from the Crown Prince's broadcast several times, promising the people a better life, more freedom, and better education and health measures.

The authoritative sources said that a large part in the defeat of the rebels was played by a bishop.

The bishop is said to have distributed circulars saying that all who helped "the Imperial Guards against the Emperor" would be excommunicated.

The leaders of the Imperial Guard ignored the influence of the church, and over-estimated their own strength.

While it was true that the Imperial Guard had modern arms and was regarded as being better trained than other army units, the sources said, it could not stand against the combined opposition of the other army units, the air force, and the church.

Local telephone communications were resumed today, but no contacts are yet possible outside the capital.

Well-informed sources said a revolt also took place in 1952, led by officers of the Imperial Guard and civilians.

These sources said that the trials were held in secret, and the prisoners were severely dealt with.

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PREMIER'S PLAN FOR
DEFENCE MAY HAVE
SPARKED NEPAL COUP

Katmandu, Dec. 18.
Sources who would not be quoted by name speculated today that King Mahendra's coup against his Cabinet was sparked by a proposed defence reorganisation by Prime Minister B. P. Koirala.

They said Koirala, who also was Defence Minister, had decided to pattern Nepal's defence on Israel's citizen army.

Despite opposition from the King, the sources recalled that Koirala recently visited Israel and reportedly invited Israeli advisors to Nepal.

The famed Gurkha troops—who won renown in both world wars—showed signs of discontent at the prospect of disbandment, and the sources added, were perturbed at Koirala's apparent "brushing aside" of reported border incidents with China.

The King stepped in to avert "this national suicidal" defence policy, the sources suggested.

Meanwhile it was reported that all Nepal's top political leaders were under detention after a four-day roundup.

Radio Nepal said the situation throughout the country was quiet and peaceful following King Mahendra's political takeover.

The latest politician to be arrested was Mr. D. R. Bhandari, former Minister and leader of the Nepali National Congress.

Only source

No official announcement of the arrests have been made so far, and Radio Nepal has been the only source of information since the King dismissed the government and assumed control.

Mr. Henry Stebbins, the United States Ambassador to Nepal, returned here today after cutting short a holiday in Ceylon.—AP and Reuter.

OLD DEPENDABLES
MAKE COMEBACK

Glasgow, Dec. 19.
British Railways suddenly withdrew their slick, six-week-old electric trains from Glasgow's suburban lines and announced the old steam engines which have been running for generations will return to service on Monday.

Ship released

Oran, Dec. 18.
The Yugoslav freighter Sabina was allowed to leave the French navy port of Mers el Kebir today after naval authorities forced the ship to put into the port this morning to have its cargo inspected.

The French have been stopping many ships off the Algerian coast to search cargoes in an effort to stop arms shipments to the Algerian rebel forces.—UPI.

WHY! ALL MY SIGNS HAVE FADED

Manager of W.C. COFFEE CO.

WHY DON'T YOU APPEAL TO BRIAN CHAN

The Manager of W.C. Coffee Shop, 14th Dec. 1960.

Dear Sir, your shop is only one of the many suffering from faded signs because of the use of cheap materials. I have been in the business for many years and I know the difference between good and bad materials. I have a special formula for restoring faded signs to their original brightness. I have been successful in restoring many signs and I can do the same for you. Please contact me for a free estimate. Yours faithfully, BRIAN CHAN, 14th Dec. 1960.

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Sign-making Contractors for Hongkong Government traffic signs, Urban Council, famous "Red" wine products, and most of the big beverage companies in the Far East.
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Irish underground plans for
Princess Margaret's visit

Dublin, Dec. 18.
Leaders of the Sinn Fein and other extremist Irish nationalist organisations met secretly today to plot demonstrations against the forthcoming visit of Princess Margaret and Mr. Antony Armstrong-Jones to Ireland.

The Irish Government countered with plans for one of the tightest security networks in the violence-tinged history of the Emerald Isle to protect the Royal couple.

Exact date for the visit was not set, but a spokesman in London said it would be "early in the New Year." Previous reports had said they would arrive near the end of the month.

Official sources said there was fear that the old British-Irish feud might flare up again, hence the unusual emphasis on security.

A Sinn Fein spokesman said meetings were held in Limerick and Cork this weekend to plan picket lines and demonstrations.

There was nothing personal. The Sinn Fein, the Irish Republican Army and other underground organisations seek to unite independent Southern Ireland and British-occupied Northern Ireland, ending their "partition."

"It must be understood we have nothing against Margaret and Tony," the spokesman said.

Irish authorities promised a "warm welcome" for the visitors.—UPI.

YES—IT IS...

International of Schaffhausen

SHIRO CHINA-LITE

Weekly survey of American economy

WEATHER DEALS A BLOW

TEXTILES WEEKLY REVIEW

New York, Dec. 18. Cotton print clothes were more active this past week and moderate amounts were sold for nearby delivery.

Buyers continued to press for lower prices. Gross manufacturing margins on print clothes are at a seasonal low.

Sales of cotton yarn picked up and moderate quantities were sold for first quarter 1961 delivery. The improvement in demand seemed to have checked widespread price shading.

Trading in synthetic fabrics was mixed. An industry survey predicted that producing capacity would rise four per cent in the next six months.

Better grades of Manila hemp advanced 1/4 to 1/2 cent a pound as a result of the continuing scarcity of better grades. Spinel market was slow but prices remained firm at the higher levels reached in the previous week.

Burlap prices were unchanged and trading was extremely dull both here and in Chicago.

West trading was slow. Reports from overseas markets were mixed. Melbourne was slightly lower. Brisbane steady; while prices were in sellers favour in Dunedin.—UPI.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Proposal to change a Ship's name

I, SUI-LOONG PAO of 19 Java Road, 2nd Floor, Hongkong, hereby give notice that in consequence of change of ownership I have applied to the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation under Section 47 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, in respect of the British steamship HONG KONG REGISTRY Official Number 108631 Gross tonnage 7174.44 tons Register tonnage 4313.77 tons, heretofore owned by The Sunshin Shipping Company, Limited, 4, North Point Terrace, 2nd Floor, Hongkong, for permission to change her name to MARINE DISCOVERER and to have her registered in the new name at the Port of HONG KONG as owned by The Ace Shipping Co., Ltd., 4, North Point Terrace, 2nd Floor, Hongkong.

Any objection to the proposed change of name must be sent to the REGISTRAR OF SHIPPING at HONG KONG within SEVEN days from the appearance of this advertisement.

Dated at HONG KONG the 19th day of December, 1960.

THE ACE SHIPPING COMPANY LIMITED
SUI-LOONG PAO,
Director.

Heavy losses in retail trade

New York, Dec. 18. Nature conspired with depressing factors of longer standing this past week to deal American business an unwelcome pre-Christmas blow.

The severe snow storm which paralysed almost half the nation's population earlier this past week resulted in retail sales losses which can never be made up.

The Christmas sales volume, already trailing behind 1959, will obviously be showing a further dip as most stores lost at least two, and many even three valuable shopping days. Production and services suffered too, but their losses could be made up, not so in retail trade. Various surveys confirmed that most retailing outlets have been trailing in sales since Thanksgiving, some three weeks ago, behind the swift 1959 pace. But it must be remembered that December 1959 was a record month in retailing sales and it could have been hard to match anyway.

Reports from across the country varied in their estimates of this year's loss—depending on individual stores—from about five to eight per cent below last December's volume.

STILL LOWER

This continued earlier figures that the overall 1960 sales volume would be some two per cent below 1959. With the unexpected snow storm the overall level of this year's sales may be lower still.

The late development was disappointing as it came on top of October and November figures which were very promising and constituted about the only bright patch in the generally dim economic picture.

Commerce Department statistics showed consumers' spending at October levels—\$18,600 million. The November volume, the highest level reached this year, exceeded only by April's \$18,900 million. The November volume was four per cent above November 1959 when the steel strike cut both purchasers' money and the variety of goods.

Weather this year played tricks with business in more ways than one. The Christmas shopping was slow to start because of unreasonably warm weather. Retailers had said what they needed was snow to remind consumers that Christmas was near. Now they have been reminded by the storm—but they could not get to the shops.

CAR SALES

Car sales fared better. The warm spell actually helped. Before the storm hit, carmakers reported boastfully they were in the midst of a true boom, with November sales totalling more than 530,000 new cars, exceeding even the record November of 1955 when just over 530,000 cars were sold. However, now car salesmen, most of them trading in open lots, were even worse hit than the rest of the retail business.

But the sales story was not just one of weather. There have been early signs in the fall that consumers this Christmas were bound on more looking than buying. Savings have been consistently up, meaning there was less money to spend. The consumer credit curve was beginning to show a downturn for the past few months. Much less new credit was being taken on, instead consumers concentrated on repaying older instalment debts—to the tune of 134 per cent of their total disposable income in October. This is an unusually high percentage and reflects partly the high level of instalment purchases made in 1959.

It is also explained by this fact of life of the American economy: in periods of business recession, when the incomes of many tend to contract, the percentage of income taken by payments on past instalment purchases, naturally rises.

New instalment credit extensions in October were just over \$4,000 million, about eight per cent under the record figure of last April. Indications are the downturn continued in November.

UNEMPLOYED

The mid-November total of 4,031,000 unemployed was a post-war record for the month. It was predicted to go up to 4.2 million at mid-December, then 4.3 million in January and possibly higher than that in February before returning to the five-million level in March.

The trend in the labour market was paralleled by developments in manufacturing. Steel production fell both in October and November. November production totalled 6,107,000 tons, contributing to an eleven-month total so far this year of 63,436,820 tons. This was the sixth highest annual rate on record and almost 15 per cent above last year when the recent strike strangled output down to a trickle.

But it was obvious that December will not be able to make the year's total even 100 million tons, let alone the now ridiculous forecast at the start of this year of between 125 and 130 million. America's steel making capacity this year is known to be 140,000,000 tons.—UPI.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Business done at the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$3,500,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

Shares	Buyers	Sellers	Sales
HK Bank	1430	1450	100 @ 14.25
Wharf Co	200	250	50 @ 14.30
Wheelock	915	915	300 @ 14.30
HK Dock	115	115	100 @ 14.30

Ch. Prov.	23.70	23.80	2200 @ 23.80
HK & S.	41 1/2	42	2000 @ 41 1/2
Hotel	74 1/2	75	200 @ 74 1/2
HK Land	74 1/2	75	100 @ 74 1/2

Yau-mat	114	110	100 @ 114
Bonus	107	100	100 @ 107

		350	br 031
		490	cl 64
		530	ca 64
Dairy	334	
Watson	37	
Textile		
		100	ca 39
		500	cl 8.47
		1000	ca 8.45
		4000	ca 8.40
		1000	br 8.35
		2000	cr 8.40
		2000	ca 8.42
		4000	ca 8.43

G.I. Cement	63 1/2	64 1/2	100 @ 63 1/2
Dairy	23 1/2	24	100 @ 23 1/2
Watson	37	38	100 @ 37
Textile	400	400	100 @ 400

Nanyang XD	5.60	5.70	100 @ 5.60
B. Trust	7.40	7.50	100 @ 7.40
Talkoo Dock	71 1/2	72 1/2	100 @ 71 1/2
Realty	1.025	1.05	100 @ 1.025
HK Gas	16	16 1/2	100 @ 16

HK & FE	15.20	15 1/2	100 @ 15.20
Inv.	11 1/2	11 3/4	100 @ 11 1/2
Construction	10 1/2	10 3/4	100 @ 10 1/2
Int'l Inv.	11 1/2	11 3/4	100 @ 11 1/2
Humphreys	24 1/2	25 1/2	100 @ 24 1/2
Star Ferry	43	44	100 @ 43
Craw.	29 1/2	30	100 @ 29 1/2
Vibro	23.40	23.50	100 @ 23.40
Cold. Mfg.	57	58	100 @ 57

Exchange rates

U.S. dollar (per \$1)	6.70
Sterling notes (per £1)	13.62
Australian notes (per £1)	12.82
Indonesian Rupiah (per 100)	3.20
Siam (per 100)	25.10
Singapore (Straits)	1.81

Agreed merchant rates

West German Deutsche Marks Maximum Selling 72-8/16.

Wall Street gains on late rally

New York, Dec. 18. It took a sharp Friday rally to put an indecisive stock market on the plus side this past week.

Prices had drifted within a narrow range in the first four sessions as dark clouds continued to hang over the economic scene. But a technical advance on Friday lifted the Dow-Jones industrial average past the recent recovery high of 614, buying picked up in the afternoon dealings and nearly doubled the morning gains.

Whether this advance will be extended remains to be seen, but most of the Wall Street experts see tax selling continuing to bear heavily on these groups which are near the year's low. At the same time, however, they look for reinvestment of this cash to help the current popular favourites.

Overall, these experts say the usual year-end seems the best time to be hopeful for. Cyclical securities are unlikely to participate in such a rally, but one broker said continued food action can be expected from amusement issues, convenience foods, discount chains, insurance firms, electric utilities, finance companies, savings and loans, meat packers, domestic oil refiners, gas transmission companies, publishers and car leasing firms.

SHORT INTEREST

Some traders base their hopes for a new upward push on the large short interest, and the persistent daily excesses of bid lot short sales over odd lot purchases, which are considered evidence of a strong internal market condition.

Some brokers attributed some of the Friday buying to the fact that it would spend \$2,500 million in 1961 on service improvements and expansion. A. T. & T. President Frederick Kappel termed it the "most tangible evidence we can offer of our confidence in the economic soundness of the economy."

The more bullish brokers were encouraged by the fact that the 1274 issues traded in Friday's rising market were the most since December 15, 1959 when 1,279 stocks were traded.

Sales this past week slipped slightly to 17,844,485 shares, or daily average of 3,569,697 shares from 18,314,705 shares, or 3,669,957 shares per day the week before.

American Motors, which announced a trial "profit-sharing" programme of rebates to buyers of Rambler cars, was the most active stock on the week with sales of 256,700 shares. It closed at \$17 1/4, off 1 1/4 points on the week and hitting a new low for the year.

Standard Oil (New Jersey) was runner-up with sales of 233,800 shares, followed by Sperry Rand, Universal Oil Products and General Motors.

The Dow-Jones averages at the close on Friday showed 80 industrials at 617.78 up 6.83 points from the previous week; 20 rails 127.86 up 0.09; 15 utilities 98.22 up 1.20; and 65 stocks 204.50 up 1.03.—UPI.

Groundnuts

Bombay, Dec. 18. The Bombay Oilseeds and Oil Exchange today fixed a ceiling of 220 rupees per 250 kilograms for hedge trading in groundnuts for the current season expiring at the end of August, 1961.

The Exchange also imposed a ceiling of 44 rupees per 50 kilograms on transferable specific delivery contracts in groundnuts.

An exchange spokesman said that these measures had been taken in consultation with the Forward Markets Commission in order to arrest the upward movement of groundnut prices.—China Mail Special.

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London eases at close

London, Dec. 18. Disappointment with Britain's external trade figures for November and a deteriorating balance of payments situation reversed a promising three-day rally this past week and produced the lowest level of business for two years on Friday.

The Financial Times Industrial Index was just above the 800 mark level, gaining 7.2 points on the week and ending at 800.9. The year's low, set in the previous week, was 793.4. The high point was 842.9.

Leading stocks gained. Courtaulds was up 1 shilling 3 pence to 49 3/4. Imperial Tobacco gained 1/8 to 69/-, and Boverton scored 2/- to 51/9. Ford, Dunlop and Imperial Chemical Industries all firmed. British Unilever ended unchanged with Rolls Royce and Vickers.

MOVE UP

Steels moved up on dividend announcements and November's record-breaking output. Stores regained some buoyancy. Shipbuilders broke into higher ground on improved freight rates.

Oil-linked features after losing a mid-week improvement. Gilt-edged lacked features and stayed quiet. War Loan 3 1/2 per cent lost 1/4 to close at £59 9/16.

Creek, German and Chinese bonds went up over the week. Dollar stocks made a mixed showing but the plus signs held the upper hand. U. S. Steel gained 1/4 points and Bethlehem 1/4 points but General Motors shed 1/4 point.

Gold was lower in a neglected market. De Beers rose more than 4/- on expectations of good annual diamond sales and reported U. S. buying of the stock. Copper moved narrowly but ended on high ground while tin staged an advance.

Rubbers and teas were quiet with little change.—UPI.

Bank of England statement

The Bank of England statement for the week ended Dec. 14, reads as follows:	
Notes in circulation	£2,233,137,875
Public Deposits	13,877,231
Private Deposits	235,800,000
Government securities	270,000,000
Other securities	49,775,817
Receipts	48,000,000
Ratio	102

Steel prediction

New York, Dec. 18. "Iron Age" predicts that January 1961 steel production may show the first increase since last June, steel makers being encouraged by a better order volume for the coming year. However, the magazine cautions that this cannot be considered symptomatic of a major recovery.—China Mail Special.

Unit trust

First Hongkong Fund:	
Buyer Price:	\$1.00
Seller Price:	\$1.15

SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

A new concept in field of refrigeration

Stockholm, Dec. 18. The Swedish Society of Refrigerating Engineers (Svenska Kyltekniska Foreningen) recently held a meeting in the Stockholm factory of AB Electrolux, which is one of the leading companies in the field of domestic refrigeration.

The subject of the meeting was thermo-electric cooling. In recent years this principle of generating cold has been attracting increasing interest in industrial circles and many of the big companies in the refrigeration business in Europe as well as in the U.S. are now carrying out considerable research work in this field.

Discoveries made in the beginning of the 19th century have now been put to use thanks to the availability today of well-equipped and modern laboratories. The first thermo-electric discovery was made in 1821 by the German physicist Seebeck, who believed that he could thereby explain the emergence of terrestrial magnetism.

In the year 1834 the French watchmaker Peltier found another thermo-electric effect. This, however, was the reversal of Seebeck's. None of them then realised the future possibilities of their discoveries. The advances made today are based on the functioning principle of the Peltier effect. If an electric current passes through two bars of different, suitably combined alloys, soldered together at both ends, heat will be generated at one joint and heat at the other. It is only during the last few years that the real advances have been made, when it became possible to produce special alloys of various sizes to give relatively very high cooling effects.

The results achieved so far indicate that it is not too distant a future there is hope for an economically justified manufacture of domestic refrigerators operating on this principle. The thermo-electric elements, however, that can be produced at the moment are not yet efficient enough for domestic refrigerators in the proper sense but will find use for certain special purposes.

DOMESTIC TYPE

The speakers were: Mr. H. Ullstrand, Chief Engineer, and the Professors Mr. M. Backstrom, Mr. P. Bergall and Mr. O. Beckman. These gentlemen are all connected with the Electrolux Group, which has been working on the development of thermo-electric cold generation for several years.

A small box cooler with an internal volume of about 0.7 cu.ft. was demonstrated at the meeting. A limited number of such boxes have been made at the Electrolux Central Laboratory in collaboration with the large British firm General Electric Company Limited. The box cooler is primarily intended for picnics and camping, for use in cars and on boats. It is suitably powered directly by the car battery and the wattage is only 24-30 W. If the ambient temperature is say 77° F, the box temperature can be maintained at about 35 to 38° F. The actual cold generator is made up of about one hundred thermo-electric elements placed together into one thin block, hardly larger than a matchbox. This cooling unit is very light, required little space, is sturdy and independent of chemical refrigerants, has no moving parts, and operates without any noise. Its life is considered to be practically unlimited.

It is only natural that AB Electrolux should be particularly interested in developing this type of cooling unit; this company has previously with great success pioneered another type of cooling unit without moving parts and with noiseless operation—the Peltier-Munters absorption unit.

To this day Electrolux has produced and sold over 4,000,000 refrigerators fitted with cooling units of the absorption type and in the U.S. the Peltier-Munters unit is found in another 4,000,000 refrigerators. The future will prove whether this new electronic Peltier cooling unit will be as successful in course of time as Peltier-Munters unit.

The previous plant was destroyed in a disastrous fire. The new plant will have a capacity of approximately 7,000 bags in 24 hours and will employ all the latest developments in the industry, making it the most modern mill in Canada. Henry Simon will be responsible for the mill's design and for the supply and installation of the machinery. Final plans will include rye and corn milling facilities and the entire project will cost over \$4 million dollars. Henry Simon will, therefore, be responsible for almost half the contract value.

Design and construction of the building will be in the hands of Canadian companies.—LPS.

New type camera rangefinder

A new type of stereoscopic camera rangefinder called the 3-D-3 which simplifies focusing has been developed by Mr. Norman Barton, a scientist at the U.K. Fighting Vehicles Research and Development Establishment.

It overcomes disadvantages existing in present types which generally use a system of bringing two superimposed images into register with one another. It claims that it will mean better photographs for the professional and no more "fuzzy" snaps for the amateur.

The new rangefinder shows three distances in 3-D in a realistic manner. The photographer looking through it sees three indicating marks at different distances from him in space. The central, or focusing point, looks like a spot invisibly supported in space with two illuminated rings, one beyond it and one in front of it. The centre spot indicates range, and the far and near circles the limits of the depth of field.

Among the advantages of the 3-D-3 are that it makes focusing on moving subjects instantaneous and simple. It is viewed with both eyes and can be used easily by people wearing spectacles. As the focusing images are illuminated by a miniature battery, the rangefinder is also effective in poor light conditions. It can be made in a variety of sizes to suit anything from a 35 mm camera to the larger types used for press or industrial photography. It is also suitable for fitting to cine cameras and will be particularly useful in ensuring accurate focusing during "tracking" shots.

The 3-D-3 Rangefinder is the subject of a Patent Application, and commercial exploitation of the invention is being handled by the National Research Development Corporation.—LPS.

Flour milling plant

Work valued at nearly 2 million dollars in connection with the rebuilding of flour milling plant at Port Colborne, Ontario, has been entrusted to a UK firm Henry Simon Ltd., of Stockport, Cheshire, by the Maple Leaf Milling Company Limited, Canada.

The previous plant was destroyed in a disastrous fire. The new plant will have a capacity of approximately 7,000 bags in 24 hours and will employ all the latest developments in the industry, making it the most modern mill in Canada. Henry Simon will be responsible for the mill's design and for the supply and installation of the machinery. Final plans will include rye and corn milling facilities and the entire project will cost over \$4 million dollars. Henry Simon will, therefore, be responsible for almost half the contract value.

Commencing Soon...



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Munich mourns for plane crash victims

Munich, Dec. 18. Munich city authorities have called for a halt to all public amusements in the city until Christmas as a mark of respect for the 49 victims of yesterday's crash of an American Air Force plane on to a crowded tram.

Black-ribbed flags were already flying at half-mast when the Mayor, Mr. Hans Vogel, told a Press conference he had asked the Bavarian Interior Minister to order the ban, which will halt the city's garish nightlife.

Dancing in public places will be prohibited, there will be no striptease at nightclubs, and cinemas and theatres will be required to put on programmes appropriate to the city's mourning. One theatre has already cancelled a comedy programme.

Medical teams

Cardinal Josef Wendel of Munich today ordered special masses for the dead in all the city's Catholic churches. On Tuesday, the day of a mass joint open-air memorial service, the city will observe one minute's silence and all traffic will stop.

American investigators and medical teams arrived today in the once-gay Bavarian capital to find out what happened in the four minutes after the plane took off with a laughing crowd of American students and before it crashed on a street busy with Christmas shoppers and burst into flames.

Twenty-nine Germans and 20 Americans died in the inferno. In the plane were 12 teenage students from a college for American servicemen's dependents in Munich, with seven crew and a young American military policeman who was "hitchhiking" a lift. They were all going to Britain for Christmas.

Hospital authorities said this afternoon that 17 victims were still receiving treatment, and nine badly-burned patients were on the danger list.

Twenty patients had already been released and dozens more who had received slight injuries were not recorded by the hospital. "It is impossible to say how many there were," a spokesman said.

Brushed church

A U.S. Air Force spokesman said today it was reasonably well established that the plane's pilot had notified Munich Control Tower that he had engine trouble and would return to the airfield.

But before the Conquest transport could land, it brushed against one of the 280-foot towers of St Paul's Church in the heart of Munich.

Plunging into the street, it set fire to the tram, a number of cars and a building where tyres were stored.

A policeman on duty nearby said he heard "one terrible

scram" from the rear half of the two-car tram as the plane exploded in a sheet of flame 130 feet high.

Nobody escaped from the second car, though some passengers did from the first, running across the street with their clothes on fire.

The priest of St Paul's Church, Father Karl Froehlich, said he heard "a frightful explosion... I ran outside and

saw a fragment of an aircraft hanging from the church roof."

Soon afterwards he was giving the last rites to charred bodies as they lay in the street. Salvage work went on all night in the sealed-off street by the light of searchlights, and the charred shell of the second tramcar was taken bodily to a Munich cemetery with burned corpses still inside it.—Reuter.

2,000 protest against 'Polaris' base

Glasgow, Dec. 18. Two thousand people at a public meeting here today unanimously approved a resolution protesting against the proposal to set up a United States Polaris submarine base at Holy Loch, in the Clyde estuary.

AMNESTY OFFER

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Some of them are believed to be still held in prisons somewhere in the country.

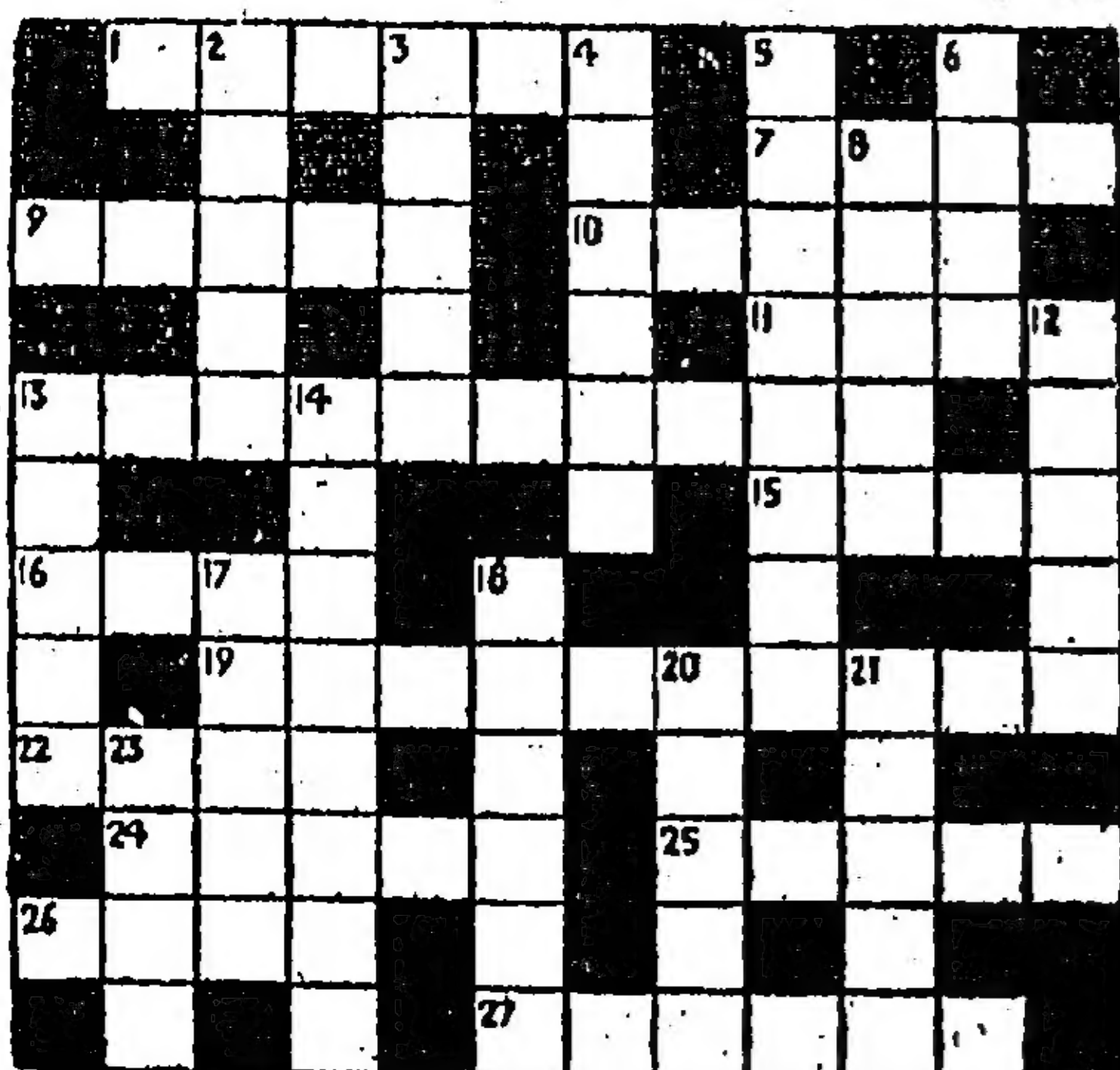
(In July 1951, eight men were sentenced to death for plotting to assassinate the Emperor and to set up an Ethiopian republic. The eight included Bitwoded Negash, formerly President of Parliament and a Minister of State to the Prime Minister's office.)

The Emperor flew into Addis Ababa last night from Asmara, Eritrea Province, after forces loyal to him had defeated the rebels in 36 hours of fighting. The Emperor was accompanied by plane-loads of soldiers, and immediately took control of the situation.

The Emperor was met at Addis Ababa airport by Crown Prince Asfaw Wossen. Even as the Emperor returned to his palace, there were reports of some "mopping up" operations against some rebels in the northern part of the city.

Some leaders of the revolt were said to have fled in Dakota aircraft to outlying regions of the country in an attempt to reach the Somali border to go into hiding.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Bad spots. (6)
- 7 Heavily placed. (4)
- 9 Composer of "Goodbye." (5)
- 10 Does physical harm. (5)
- 11 Potty! (4)
- 13 Laundering necessities once. (10)
- 15 Chicken's dinner. (4)
- 16 Get up on the hind legs. (4)
- 19 Acrobats work over them. (6, 4)
- 22 Make dirty. (4)
- 24 Snake always on the increase? (5)
- 25 Feathered mammal (5)
- 26 Fox or rabbit. (4)
- 27 Cultivator? (5)

DOWN

- 2 Hurries to mail. (5)
- 3 Get up them stairs! (5)
- 4 Boy, a vessel of the (5)
- 5 His buff is amusing. (8)
- 6 Vision impediment. (4)
- 8 Succeed in entertaining. (5)
- 12 Exchanges for cash. (5)
- 13 Merchandise. (5)
- 14 Coats of arms and all that. (5)
- 17 On the shelf? (5)
- 18 The best to search out. (6)
- 20 Lift up your voice! (5)
- 21 Puff up with success. (5)
- 23 They may catch crabs. (4)

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Ballot, 4 Idyll, 7 Landed, 8 Ulling, 10 Roof, 12 Pirates, 15 Niger, 16 Sans, 17 Reed, 19 Newts, 20 Garden, 21 Fiat, 23 Snail, 24 Baffle, 25 Adage, 26 Pellet, Down: 1 Bull-ring, 2 Lendover, 3 Over, 5 Distaste, 6 Linden, 9 Hires, 11 Fiddling, 12 Penny, 13 Tasteless, 14 Bediment, 19 Earned, 23 Cape.

Insulted Franco: 10 years

Madrid, Dec. 18. A court martial hero has sentenced a policeman to 10 years and one day in prison on a charge of having insulted the head of state, General Franco, and Interior Minister, General Camilo Alonso Vega. Spain's national uniformed police corps (Policia Armada) was accused of having stalked at the entrance to his company's barracks here.

"Long live Russia. Death to Franco. Death to the Minister of the Interior who has expelled Communist corporals from the police. Long live Marxism."

In his defence Garcia said he was upset by financial worries.—Reuter.

New airliner put on service ahead of time

London, Dec. 19. Paris-bound travellers have received a sneak preview of Britain's new Penny-Farthing airliner, the Vickers Vanguard, which is claimed to have the cheapest running costs of any modern passenger aircraft in service.

The Penny-Farthing, so called because it is expected to cost one penny-farthing sterling per mile to run with a full load, was not due to come into regular service until March 1.

But British European Airways has put the new airliner

on the Paris run to help with the pre-Christmas rush. Capable of carrying 114 passengers, the aircraft will also be used as a "holiday help" on flights to Glasgow, Geneva, Dusseldorf and Zurich in the next two weeks.—China Mail Special.

HK yacht reaches Singapore

Singapore, Dec. 18. Two army officers and a Royal Navy radio mechanic, who sailed early this month in a 22-ft steel yacht from Hong-kong for Britain, arrived here this afternoon.

The trio are Captain J. O. C. Alexander, of 240 (Gurkha) Signal Squadron, Hongkong.

2nd Lieut R. French, of 46 (Talavera) Battery, Kowloon, and R. H. Bury, of HMS Tamar, also of Hongkong.

But only two of them would make the rest of the voyage. They would be joined here by Lieut A. D. Corbhill, one of the original planners of the venture, who replaces Lieut

French due to visit Australia on leave this week. The yacht, *Goddess*, which in Gurkha means "Goddess of the Sea"—was built in Holland in 1939 and modified in Hongkong for the 10,000 miles trip. It arrived with a status of *Tin Hau*, the Chinese "Sea Goddess" put there to ensure a safe voyage for all.—Reuter.

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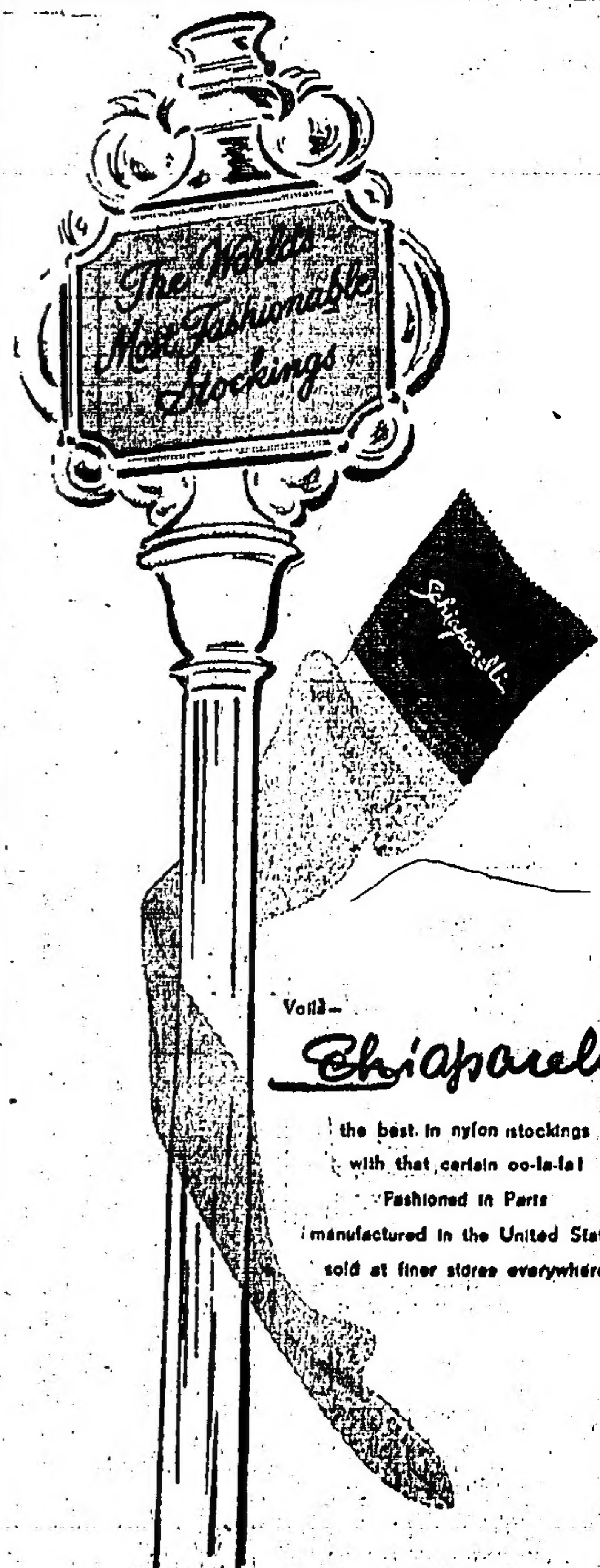
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BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

SCIENTOLOGY has been defined by Professor Ratzbein as applied psycho-psychiatry. A scientist is reported in my paper as having said that by touching a person or object you come into closer affinity with them. Ratzbein goes further. He claims that if you touch enough mice you begin to squeak, and scrub at the sink. But P.M. asks, pertinently, what benefit this can be to any normal person. Hermann Kretlin in his Schnipfelmacht (the manual of the Psychonome Society) says that a man lost in a forest will be brought into closer affinity with his surroundings if he continually touches the trees, and adds, "and a lot of good that you do him."

Shame! TWELVE extra drinking minutes on alternate Tuesdays in counties south of the Humber! This is an open conspiracy to undermine health and morals, to impose a chaos of degradation on the settled habits of millions, and to appear before self-respecting nations as a sodden herd of barbarians, reeling in a vicious circle from one sordid drinking den to another. Are the heirs of Shakespeare really besotted enough to sell their proud birthright for a subtle poison which will destroy body and brain throughout the length and breadth of every inch of this precious stone set in a silver sea south of the Humber?

Diary for 1961 September 4: Interim supplementary Budget to raise standard rate of income tax to meet expenses of German rearmament under the June agreement.

September 26: Government-sponsored flag-day to raise money for Transport, Railways, London Transport, the Post Office, and the Coal Board.

October 19: Commission preparing report on how much egg-culture is scheduled for American bases on the East Coast can be spared for training grounds for German troops.

A prig makes history

THE first boy ever to be sacked from Narkover has made history. He refused to pay the voluntary contribution made compulsory last year to a fund to be used for an unspecified purpose within the jurisdiction of the head master.

(London Express Service).

CROSSWORD

Across
1. Summer dressing rooms. (5, 4).
2. Devon river. (5)
3. Scottish town. (5)
4. On the ground. (9)
11. Feelings. (8). 14. Drinks. (9)
15. Before. (5)
17. French law of succession. (5)
18. Afternoon meal. (3)
20. Timber. (5). Milk depot. (5)
22. Smiley. (4)
Down
1. Old murderer. (6)
2. Hampshire town. (7)
3. Mediterranean island. (3)
4. A feast. (5)
5. Deeply felt. (5)
6. Young. (4)
7. A horse. (4)
8. A 50 ft. of string. (5)
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Friday's Solution

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FOR TODAY

The God in whose hand

thy breath is, and whose

are all thy ways, hast

thou not glorified.—Daniel

5:23.

Man's chief purpose in

life is to serve God and

glorify Him. Too many like

Belshazzar make to them-

selves gods of silver and

gold who cannot see, nor

hear, nor know. All have

sinned and failed God.

Press-Radio Bible Service,

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Malayan newsletter from Gordon Hung

Singapore does great job in housing scheme

Singapore, (By Airmail). Singapore is tackling its housing problem, especially housing for those of the lower income bracket, with a single-mindedness that comes of a party that has governed this island state for one year with notable success in many fields and expects to be returned in the next elections in four years time.

Even on budget day last year the Finance Minister had nothing better in sight than a surplus of \$1 million, but after a frantic year with the PAP Government was battling to make ends meet, the Government showed a surprising surplus of \$17 million over estimates.

Next year the Government will build 10,000 flats costing \$34 million—10 per cent of their total expenditure for the year—as part of its five-year \$230 million housing programme.

With a present population of more than 1.6 million people and an estimated 1.7 million by the end of next year, and with unemployment a growing problem on the island, low-cost housing for the workers and low-paid clerical employees has become essential for the progress of the State.

The Government hopes to build 10,000 low-cost flats by the end of next year accommodating between 50,000 to 60,000 people.

The rents will range from \$20 to \$60 a month, depending on the number of rooms in a unit. There will be one, two and three roomed flats built in blocks from five to 12 storeys high.

The one-room flat will measure 10 ft by 12 ft and will have a balcony and bathroom. A common lavatory will be shared by five families.

Each flat will be supplied with gas, and tenants will pay only three cents a unit instead of the usual four-and-a-half cents. The cost to the Government of erecting each single-room flat will be \$1,000.

The Government's five-year plan target is to provide 62,842 units housing over a quarter million people.

★ ★ ★

The 1961 Budget Session in the Federation House of Representatives has been an excuse for the Opposition to bring up nearly every subject they could think of for debate except the Alliance Government's \$958 million budget for next year.

The subjects ranged from West Irian to "too many love stories on Radio Malaya", from the Congo crisis to freedom of the Press, from the continued employment of expatriates in the Government to the saving of alcohol at official functions.

Anything seemed to be good for the opposition to chew on, even the equality of women in the country.

The House of Representatives spent two hours of one budget session in debating a Socialist Front resolution that women "should get equal pay for equal work."

Which of the debate was light-hearted and was centred around the question of whether men are superior to women as workers.

In this context, members from both sides of the House repeatedly referred to the sexual differences between males and females.

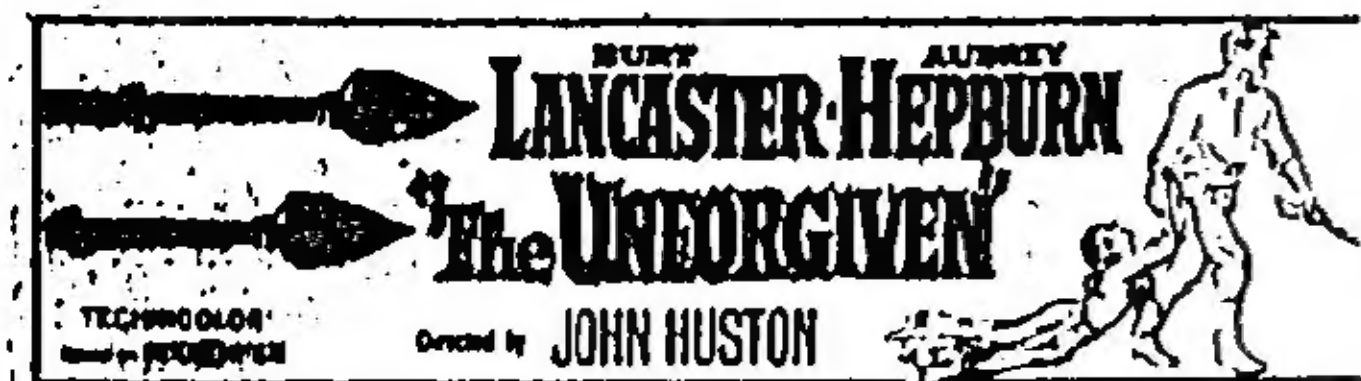
Each time they were cautioned by the Speaker to stop discussing sex.

One such reminder came when a Socialist MP referring to statements made by the Minister for Internal Security, Dr Ismail, said:

"Being a married man, I am sure that Mr. V. David (who moved the resolution) and Mr. D. R. S

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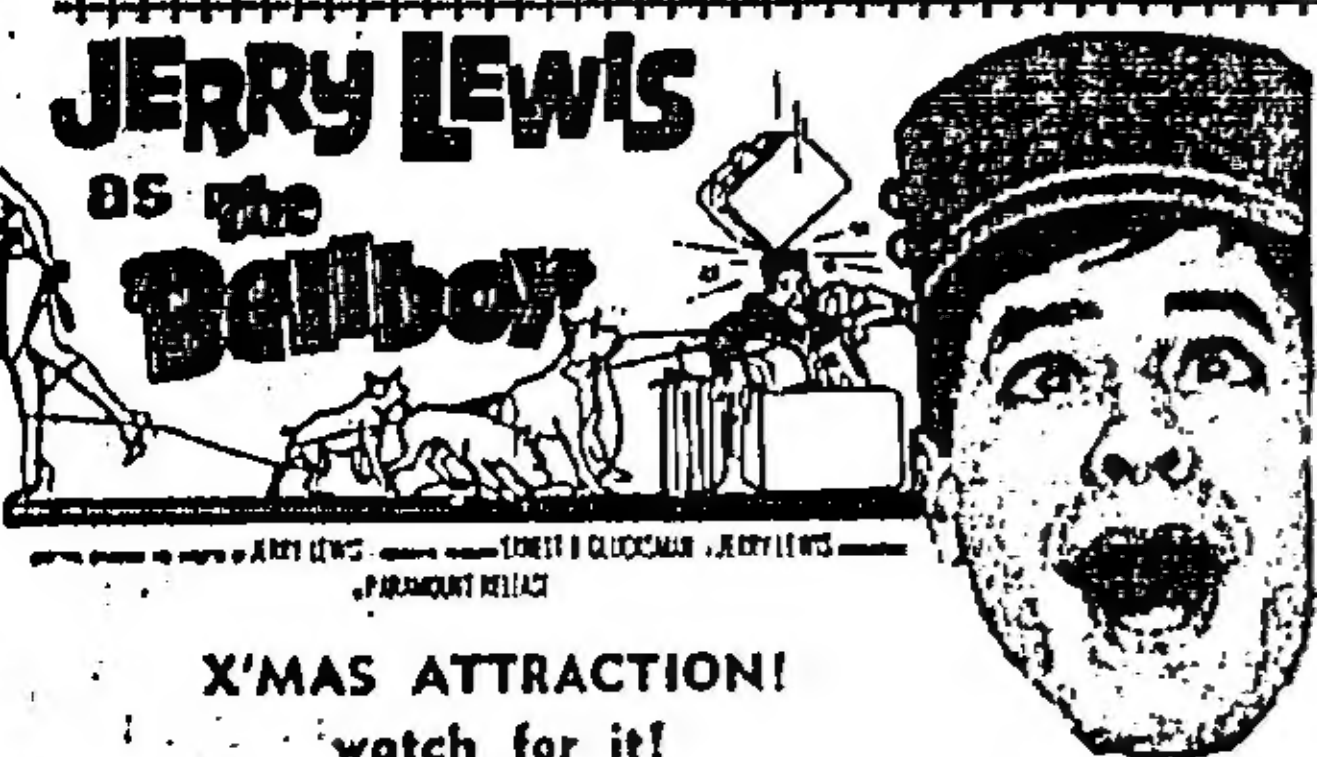
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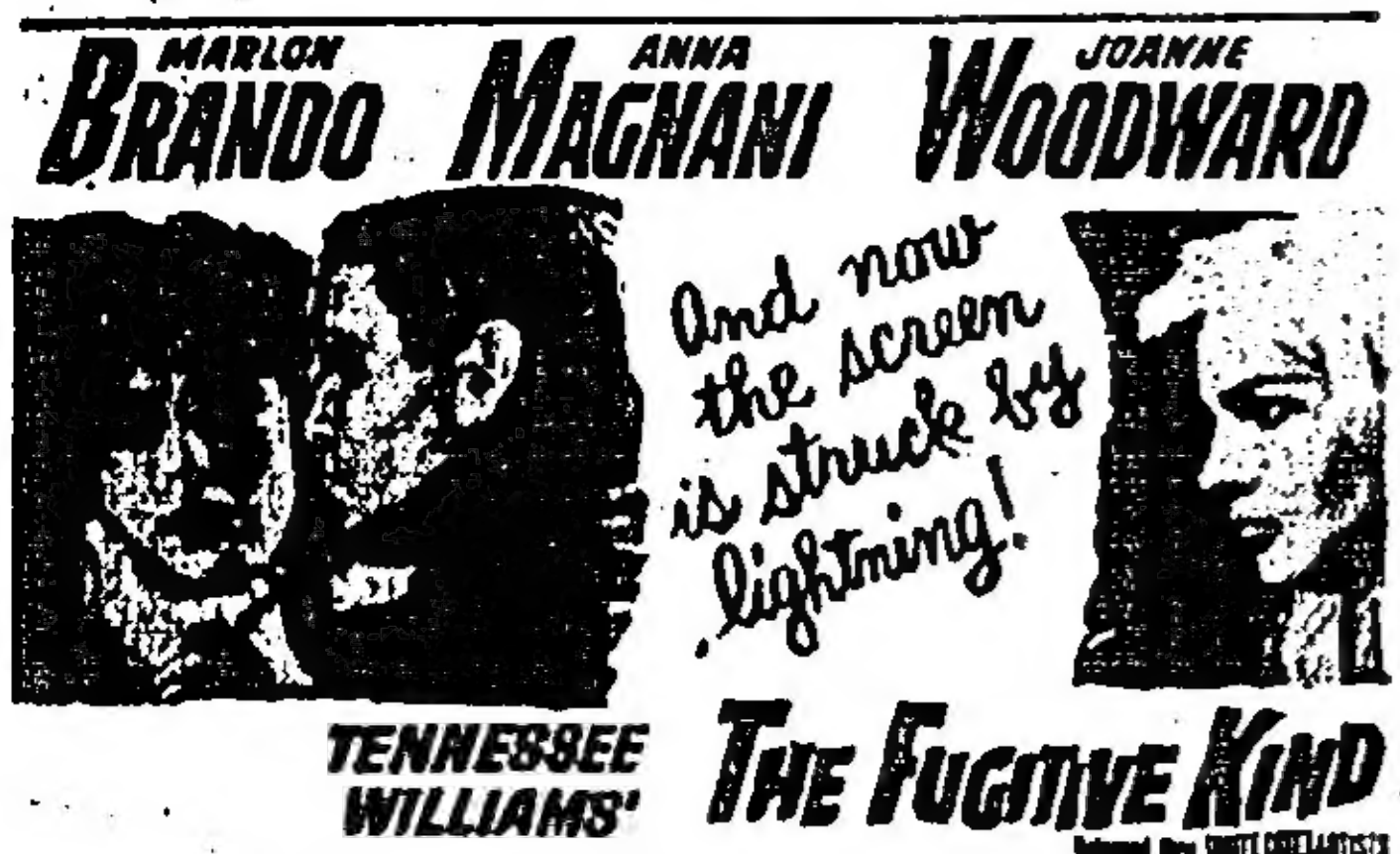
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Floods and landslides killed 12 persons on Sunday
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SINGER
RELEASED
FROM CUBA

Havana, Dec. 18.
American singer-comedian
Naomi Stevens left Cuba Satur-
day night after an eight month
detention that started over a coun-
terfeit 20 peso (20 dollars) bill.

The 33-year-old New York
city blonde came here last April.
She was arrested for passing the
bill, which she claimed she re-
ceived as change.

After her arrest she was
freed in 10,000 dollars bail. Cir-
cumstances of her release were
not made public.—AP.

The northwest corner of
Italy suffered extensive damage
from three days of uninter-
rupted rain. The rain was con-
tinuing. Several rivers over-
flowed, flooding farms and
isolating villages. Torrents of
mud and rock rolled down
from mountainsides.

A landslide smashed without
warning upon 11 houses in the
sleeping village of Pramollo,
30 miles west of Turin in the
Chivasso Valley near the Italian-
French border. Nine persons,
including seven in one family
were killed.

Three persons were swept to
death in swollen rivers.
The village of Casalegrasso,
south of Vercelli near Cuneo, was
under three feet of water after
the upper course of the Po
river broke its banks.

Many communities, especially
in the mountains, were cut off
from the outside world.—AP.

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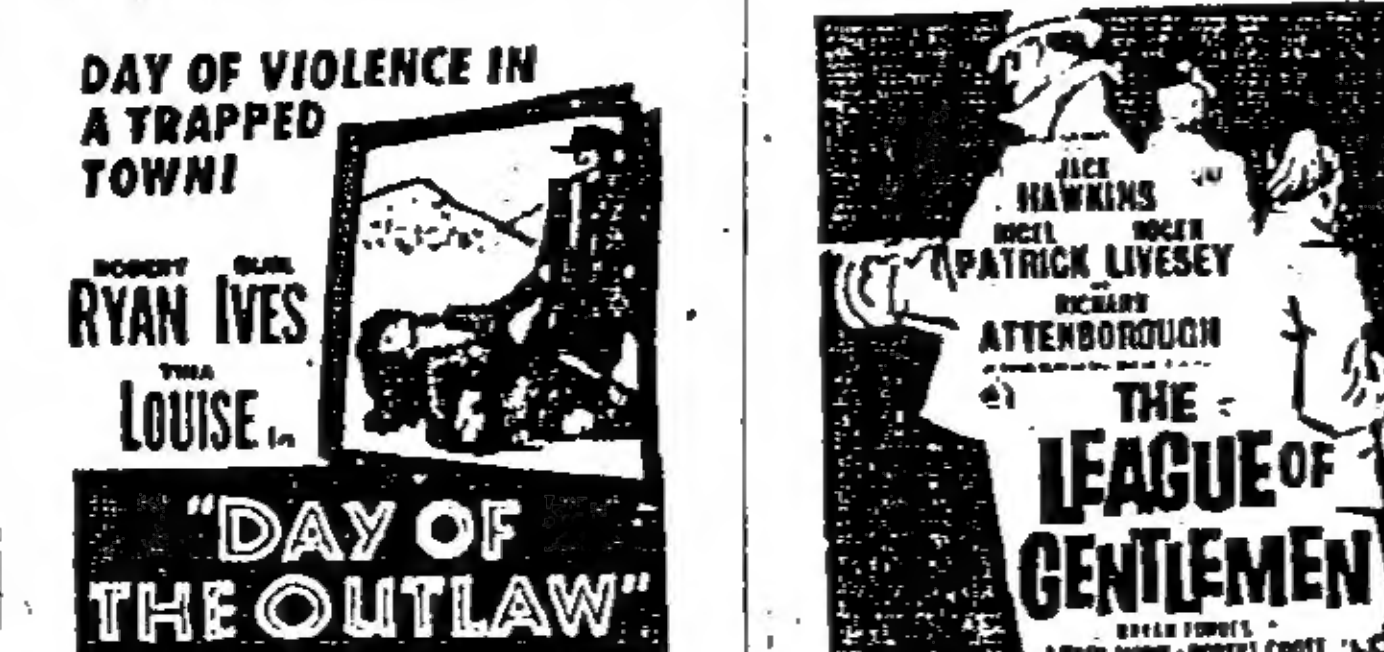


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IT IS NOT IN
ATOMIC RACE

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report that Israel plans to produce an atomic
bomb of its own.

Kennedy
rents
country home

Palm Beach, Dec. 18.
U.S. President-elect John F.
Kennedy is getting his
home and real estate
problems ironed out and
has completed a lease
agreement for "Gloria",
a 600-acre home in the
Virginia hunt country.

Kennedy's press secretary
Pierre Salinger confirmed on
Sunday that the deal for
Gloria has been signed.

It has been known for some
time that Kennedy was planning
to lease the French-style built
stucco home with stables and
swimming pool about 80 miles
from the capital, near Middle-
burg, Virginia.

Salinger said, though, that
the President-elect and his
family will not be able to use it
until late spring or early
summer.

The main move ahead will
be into the White House at 1600
Pennsylvania Avenue after
January 20.

There will have to be some
redecorations and changes there
as well to accommodate the new
Kennedy baby, John Jr., and
three-year-old Caroline Ken-
nedy.—AP.

'People are people'
MINISTER TO
WED NEGRESS

Cheshire, Dec. 18.
An English Unitarian minister will become on Christmas
Eve probably the first English clergyman to marry
a negress, it was disclosed here today.

The minister, Glyn Preece,
aged 31, is to marry Miss Edna
Wilson, 27, a former nurse in
the USAF, from Wilmington,
Delaware, at his chapel.

Mr Preece said tonight: "I
think I am probably the first
English clergyman to marry a
negress, although I have heard
that an Anglican missionary
married an African girl and
later they returned to live in
England."

"But to me, all people are
people. Edna and I are just two
of these people—very much in
love."

QUEEN'S
STAFF
GET
GIFTS

London, Dec. 19.
The Queen yesterday distri-
buted Christmas presents
to members of the staff at
Windsor Castle.

There was a present for
everyone ranging from savings
certificates to items for the
home.

The Prince of Wales returned
home yesterday for the Christ-
mas holidays.

He was driven from Cheam,
his preparatory school, near
Newbury, Berkshire to Windsor
Castle in time for tea.

With other members of the
Royal Family, he will be
travelling to Sandringham on
Thursday for the traditional
family house party there over
Christmas and the New Year.
—Reuter.

Israel "has neither the prac-
tical means nor the desire to use
her atomic research for other
than peaceful uses," an Embassy
spokesman said.

His statement obviously re-
ferred to an article in Sunday's
Washington Post which said
that Israel has secretly de-
veloped a nuclear reactor and
might produce a nuclear
weapon in about five years.

The Washington Post story
said members of the Senate-
House Atomic Energy Com-
mittee were briefed at a
secret conference on Dec. 9 about
Israeli ambitions to become
the fifth nuclear power. They
were told about this new de-
velopment by State Department
and Central Intelligence Agen-
cy officials, the paper said.

State Department officials
refused immediate comment.—
AP.

27 sent to
prison

Havana, Dec. 18.
A military tribunal at the La
Cubana Fortress Saturday met
and sentenced three to twenty
years imprisonment for 27 per-
sons accused of conspiring
against the government. Three
others were acquitted.

The prosecution accused the
defendants of possessing arms
and ammunition and 130 pounds
of dynamite when arrested at a
meeting.—AP.

GIFT
WAS
RADIO
ACTIVE

Nottingham, Dec. 18.
A laboratory here today con-
firmed that Santa Claus
had presented a child with
a radio-active toy but told
the worried father there
was no cause for concern.

The gift, a plastic toy carry-
cot, had been given at a Christ-
mas party to the daughter of
Mr Douglas Heaps, of nearby
Carlton.

Because it was luminous in
the dark, Mr Heaps rushed the
cot to the physics laboratory of
Nottingham General Hospital.

The laboratory reported that
the top was radio-active, but
any child could play with it
safely.

Mr Heaps commented tonight:
"I'm sorry for all the trouble.
But you can't be too careful."
—Reuter.

Christmas
airlift

London, Dec. 18.
Britain's two major airlines
will act as "mother" to
nearly 3,000 children
during the next few days,
airline officials said today.

The children are flying out
from schools in Britain to spend
Christmas with their parents
overseas.

Africa and the Middle East
are the destinations of most of
the 1,500 children being carried
by British Overseas Airways
Corporation. Others are going
to America and the Far East.
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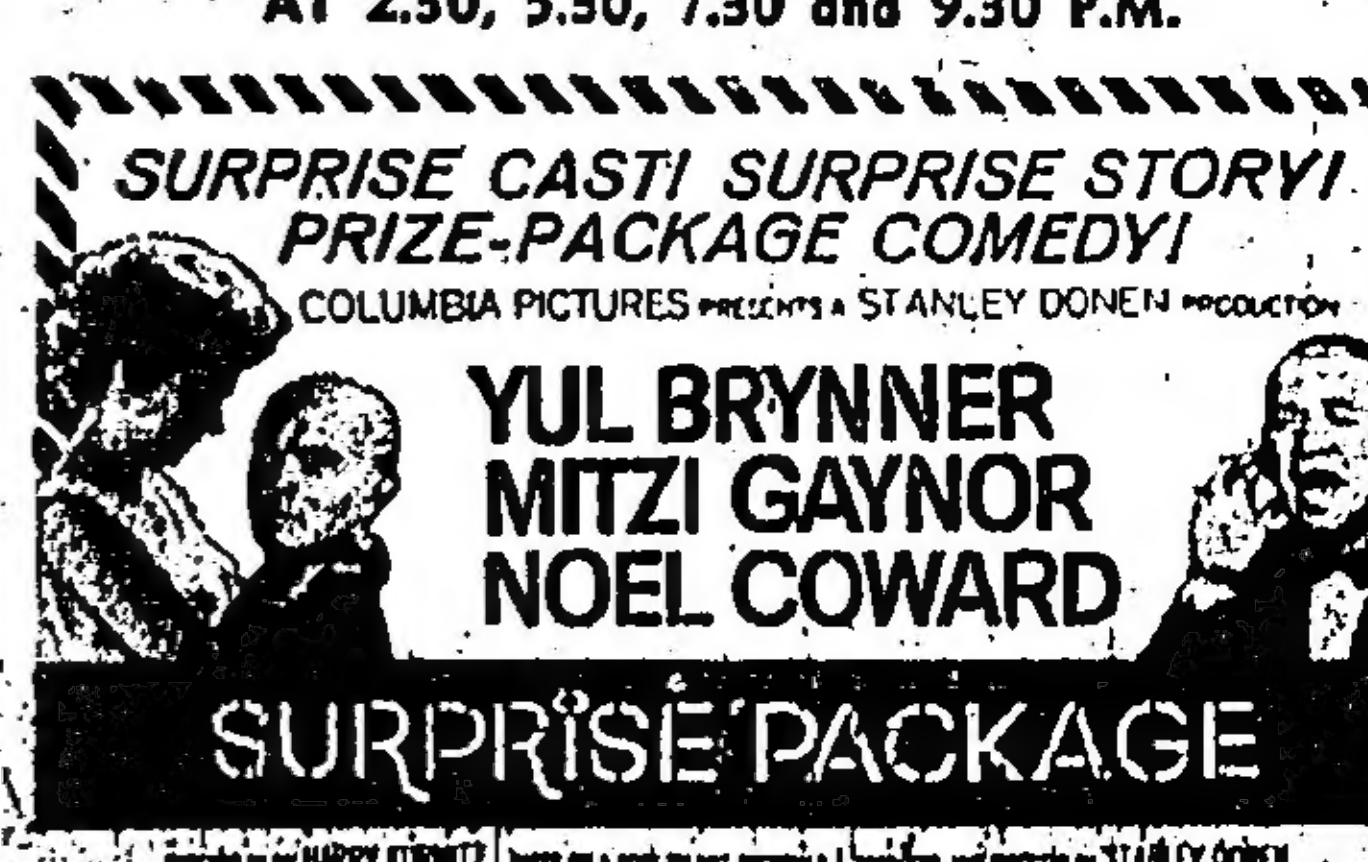
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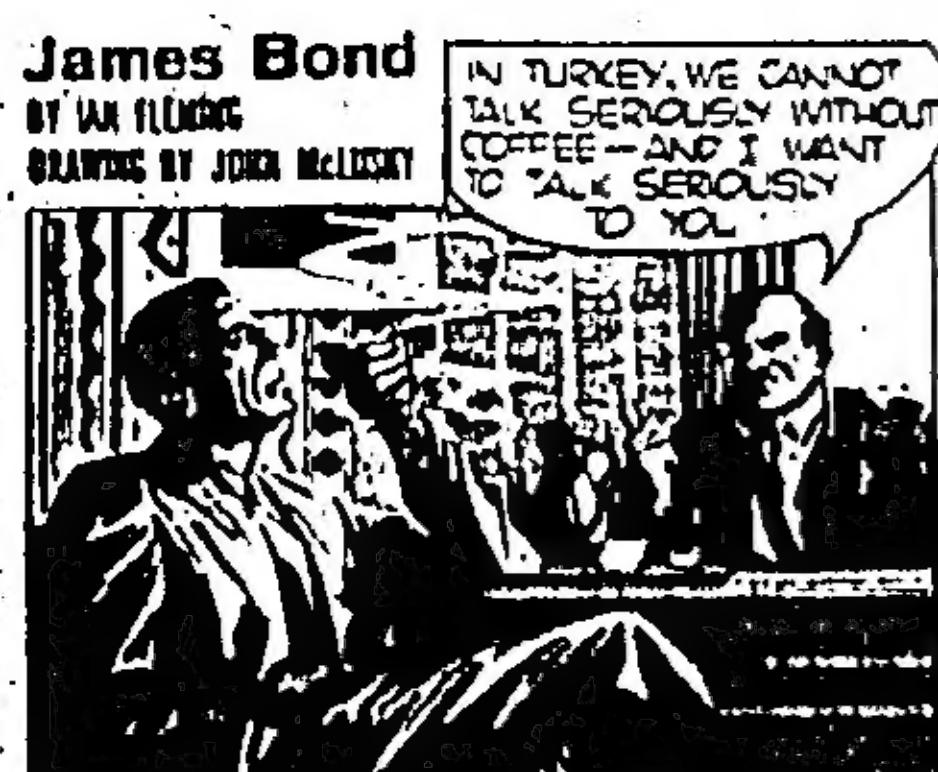
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Blue lights for fire engines?

THEY WOULD
BE EASIER
TO SEE

VIVID blue, flashing lights may be installed shortly on all Britain's fire engines, police cars and ambulances.

New regulations, to improve the warning signals on priority vehicles, are now being drafted by the Ministry of Transport.

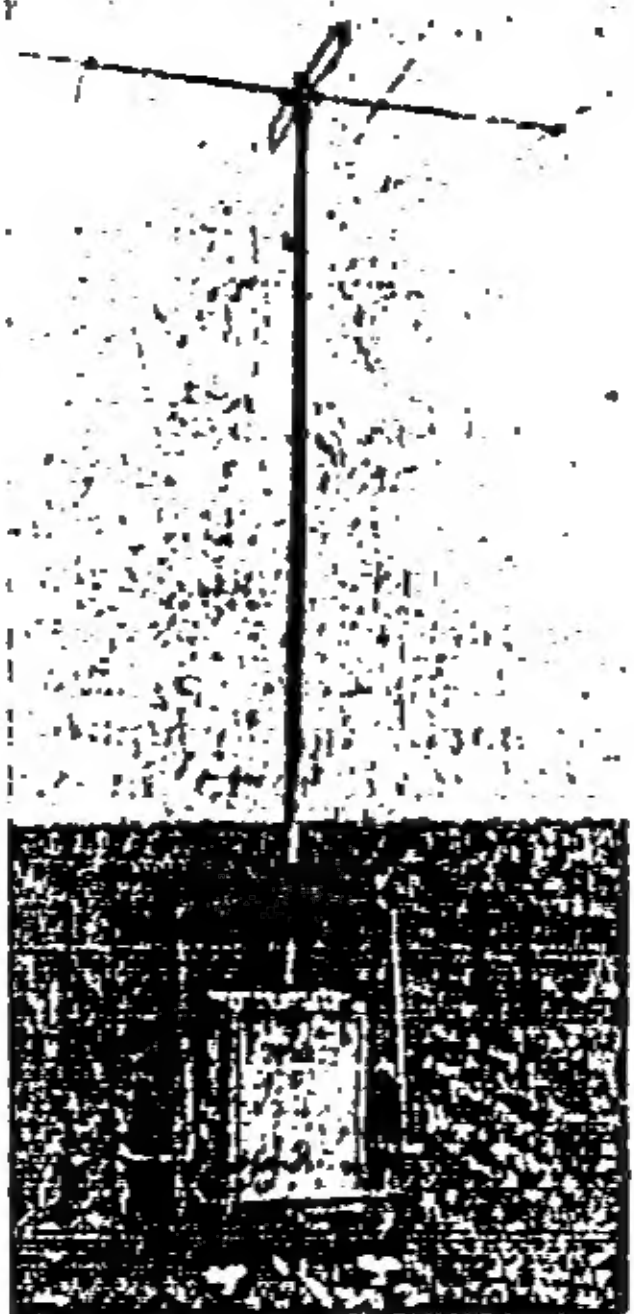
Blue will almost certainly be the colour adopted. Why not amber? There is too much of it on the roads today. The present maximum of a seven-watt bulb will be raised to 48—so blue lights will still show clearly.

The warning bells on fire ap-



A RUNAWAY? No, a radio-controlled tractor, towing a four-furrow plough now in use on a State farm in Russia. Six of them have come off the production line so far. They carry built-in sensing devices to follow automatically the line of the previous furrow.

Two systems of remote control are being tried. In one the robot is controlled from the cab of a manned tractor and works in parallel. In the other two men with radio sets sit at opposite ends of the field and work four tractors. Automation on the farm was originally the idea of a tractor-driver named Loginov. Any British tractor drivers with similar ideas?



And here (above) is a radio-controlled seeder which can be used either for sowing or depositing of fertiliser.

THE WORLD OF SCIENCE by Peter Fairley

planets may also be changed, or amplified, soon.

Noise tests

Tests at the Fire Research Station and Road Research Laboratory to find the most effective alarm have just ended. The results are now before the Central Fire Brigades Advisory Council and Home Office experts.

The scientists tried out sirens, klaxons, two-tone horns and bells against a noisy background typical of a lorry-driver's cab. They found that what mattered was the LOUDNESS of the alarm.

From this point of view, the two-tone horn—widely used on the Continent—was best.

But many people would oppose a change from the traditional bell. And there are already two-tone horns in use on some cars.

So the final answer may be to amplify a recording of fire-bells, rather than using ice-cream merchants' signals, their customers with a tune.

Gourmets in space

THE popular idea that to save space and prevent spillage an astronaut's food will consist entirely of tasteless, vitamin-packed mudges which can be squeezed from a tube is not shared by dieticians working on America's man-in-space programme.

They believe that tasty, hot food will be vital to morale. They are designing a cooker weighing only 5lb. And are drawing up menus based on canned, dehydrated and instant foods. Typical day's ration is: Porridge, laced with cinnamon; and sugar, coffee and bread for breakfast; turkey and beef sandwiches, or spaghetti, for lunch; chunks of veni, mashed potatoes or rice, and buttered vegetables for dinner. Fruit and sweets after every meal.

Immediately before take-off, they suggest the astronaut should eat a high carbohydrate, high protein and low fat meal to increase tolerance of altitude. Suggested menu: orange sherbet, frozen strawberries, sweet biscuits.

Anyone for Mars?

Enter the Scout

ANY minute now, America will launch a new form of satellite—a balloon with a rash of paint-spots. Its task will be

simply to measure the density of the upper atmosphere.

But the event will be of particular interest to Britain because the satellite is the first to be launched by Scout, the rocket which will lift three British satellites next year.

Density of very thin air can be worked out by measuring its drag on the balloon. It will swing between 370 and 2,000 miles up. A small radio beacon inside will enable trackers across the world to plot its course and speed.

In miniature

Why the spots? They are to reflect some of the sun's heat, and maintain an even temperature inside the balloon. They will cover some 20 per cent of its surface.

The satellite—measuring 12ft. across—will be a miniature version of Echo, the 100ft. aluminium envelope still whirling in space. Thousands of people in Britain have seen Echo glowing like the brightest star in the sky. They may spot the "baby" too.

But Echo has partially deflated. So the new balloon will be made of layers of plastic and aluminium four times as thick.

Arsenic in wine

A disturbing report about pollution of wine comes from Dr Hans Eschmayer, of the Uni-

versity of Mainz. He has been analysing Moselles, Burgundies and Bordeaux. In some he found traces of arsenic, copper and boron.

These, he concluded, probably came from fertilisers and chemical sprays used at the vineyards. The quantities were small but still enough to affect taste and bouquet.

Artificial aids of this kind have gone much for British agriculture. But it would be a pity if they were allowed to become commonplace in vineyards, where wine has flowed satisfactorily for centuries and where distinctions of flavour are so subtle.

LIFE ON H.P.

IT was wet and cold with all the proper melancholy of an English winter—but 18-year-old Margs had no fire.

"I try not to have a fire," she says with the same light abnegation of other women who try not to take sugar in their tea.

Nor had she eaten much. "Snacks," she says—and "snacks" turn out to be one meat pie.

Baby first

"I don't mind so long as she's all right," she says and baby Debbie (after Debbie Reynolds) sits on her mother's knee. In six-month-old unwariness of the fact that her plump well-being must come first.

It seems querulous and spell-binding to point out that she, Margs, might fall ill through cold and under-nourishment. Mother-love and optimism are powerful magic in the room, and in superstitious sympathy one crosses one's fingers and says nothing to harm the sun of hope.

Fairy-tale

For this is a fairy-tale and to prove it—Margs is happy.

All around her are the bright gifts that a fairy godmother called "Hire Purchase" brought. Some of them practical—like the new three-piece suite without which no British family can be founded it seems.

And others a shock to the practical intelligence of an outsider who does not understand the fairy godmother called "Hire Purchase" can plant temptation in young love's way.

Like the cocktail cabinet that cost "about £80 or something—I wouldn't know."

It sits against the wall like a mighty Wurlitzer, glittering with glasses and pot ornaments that Margs and her soldier husband, David, won in fairgrounds "when we were courting." It lights up when the lid is lowered (to reveal rows of cocktail sticks but only a bottle of tonic and a near-empty bottle of whisky) in terms of a possession—it is a knockout.

'There it was'

"If just came home one day and here it was. I nearly killed my husband. That was when I was pregnant and I said we wanted a cat more than that."

Another lapse was the £25 encyclopedia. "A chap came round and we bought it."

But she looks at it all proudly now. The bedroom suite with its dressing-table and two wardrobes. The kitchen cabinet (food contents, a few packets, bottles and one egg). The shelves her husband made, filled with dozens of small ornaments in what seems to have been astronomical success at the coconut shies.

"Only £78 to go. It's not so bad," says Margs of living happily ever after on the instalment plan.

Out of the £7 10s. she gets a week from her husband and Army allowances, she pays £2 10s. rent.

Victorian

They have a two-roomed flat (no bathroom, share lavatory with three other families) at the top of one of those tall, red-brick Victorian houses that make Kilburn an area of gloom and decay. "Everyone says we're dead lucky to have found it. There were loads of people after it."

Twenty seven shillings a week goes on hire-purchase repayment.

"I have £2 a week left over for food by the time I've paid hire purchase and insurance and shillings for the gas meter," says Margs. "My husband comes home from Westminster every fortnight and I have to rush around borrowing for his food. I don't eat much when I'm on my own."

Yes, hire purchase was a problem. But she hadn't let the instalments fall behind. Except for the weeks when she had to pay the electricity and the gas. "When my husband was called into the Army he went to see the shop where we got all the furniture and asked if he could pay it off more slowly like. But they said it wasn't their fault if he had been called up."

"He worked at the London Electricity Board before and got quite a good wage and we thought perhaps he wouldn't be called up, but he was. Our friends told us to pay them only 6d. a week on the HP, just so long as they got something. But I couldn't do that."

Margs had entered a commitment and she didn't want to spoil her shining new married life with debts and unkept promises.

"He won't be out until March 3, 1962. Two more Christmas!" she says. "I can't send anyone a Christmas present this year. I aren't half choked. And

ANNE SHARPLEY talks to one of 1960's proud possessors



MARGS, baby Debbie—and that £80 cocktail cabinet.

In pictures

He was two inches shorter than she was, but all the girls fancied him, she said.

It was not easy to form a picture of David from these words but they were obviously the two points she thought most worth communicating.

These were their wedding pictures. She, sweet and fair, had taken her glasses off for just one day of glamour. He had his dark hair brushed to unparallelled smoothness. And out of those wedding pictures—this consequence. The two-roomed

flat, baby Debbie—and more babies to follow: "You can't just have one, can you?"

She gives a sudden illuminating picture of her honeymoon.

"It was the hottest week the summer before last. We went to Southend and David loves lying on the beach. He can lie there all day—but I can't. So I just used to get up and go and walk around by myself."

There is no questioning, no irony in her nature. She spends lonely cold days in her two-roomed flat now. But she thinks she is lucky. Everything is all right and it's going to get better.

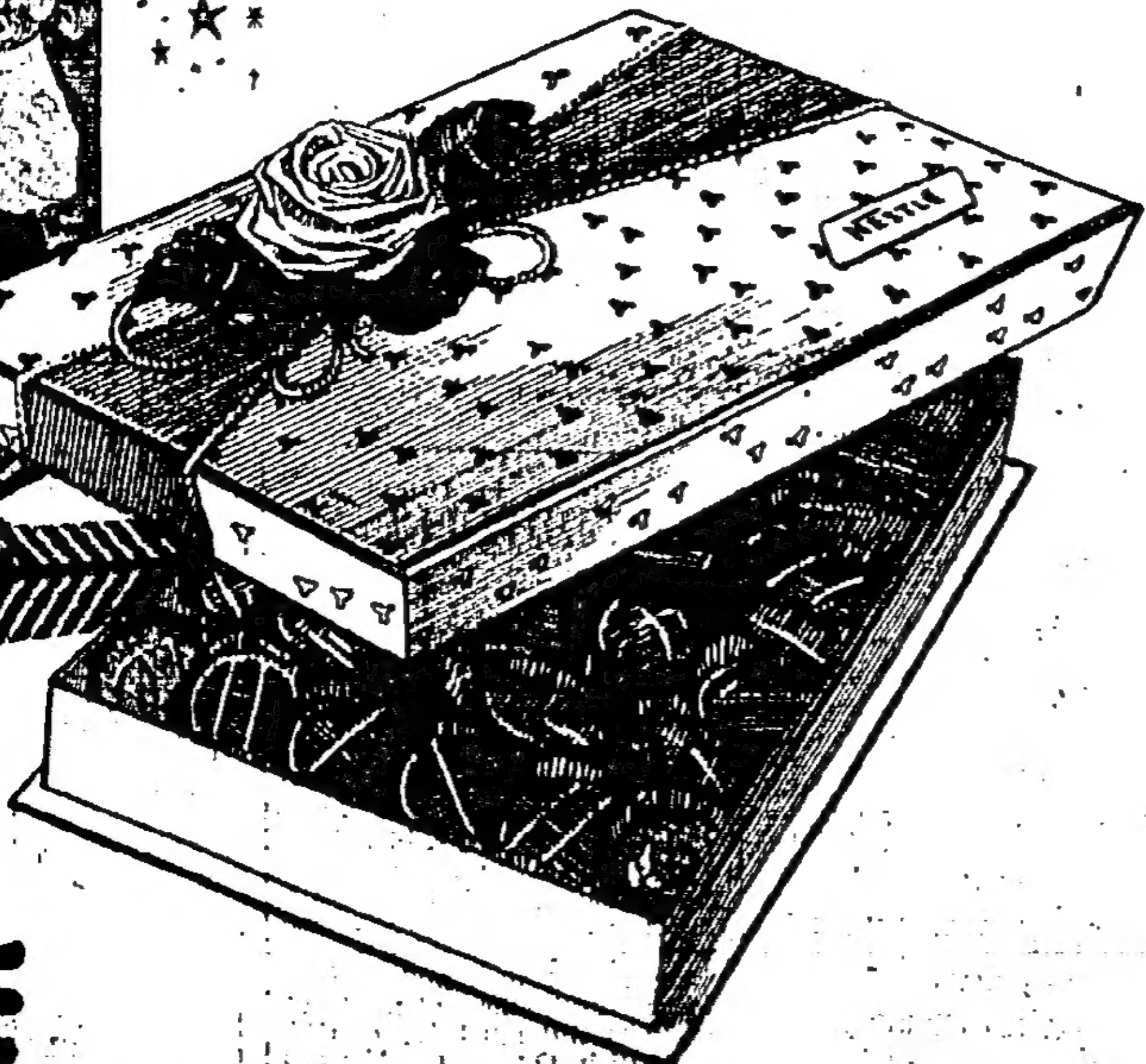
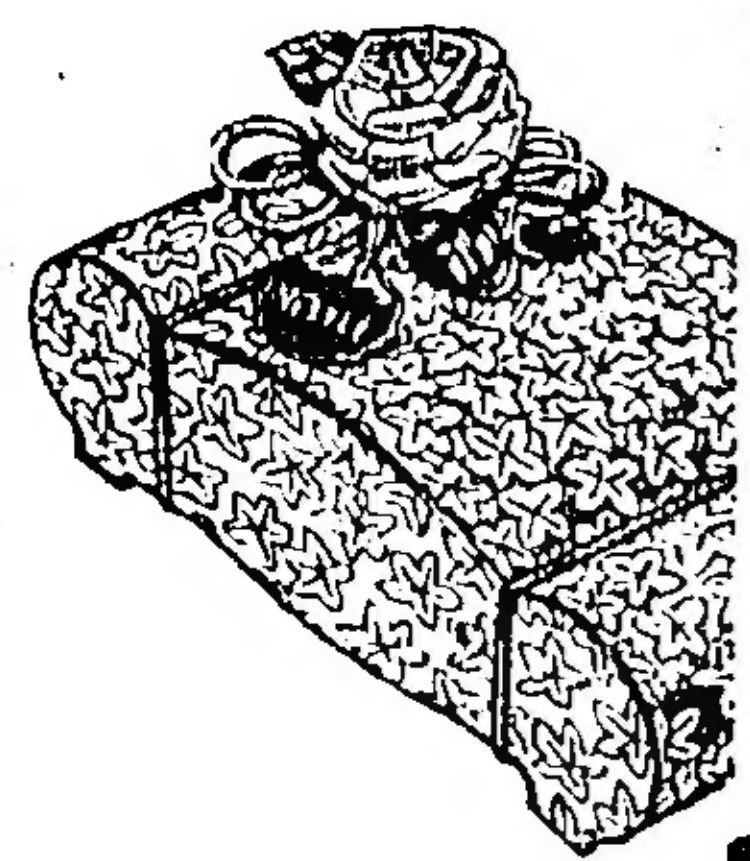
"Once I get that £78 paid off I shall have 27 shillings more to spend on food," she says in modest happy hope.

—(London Express Service).

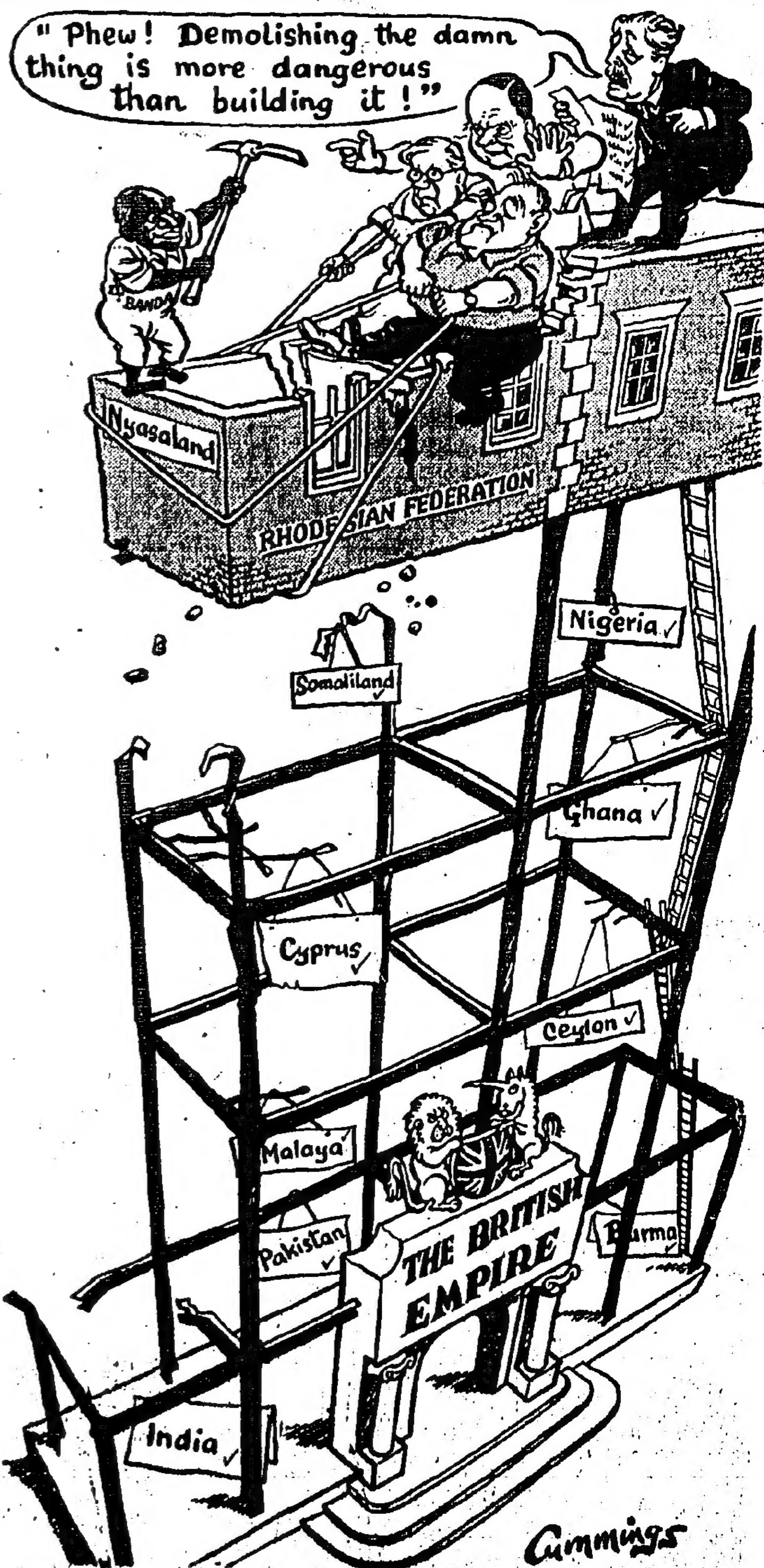
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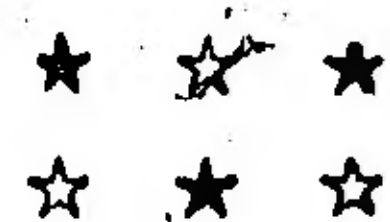


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London Express Service



WOMANSENSE



FASHION NEWS by Barbara Griggs

As clothes get more serious,
here's a bit of nonsense
I see going a long way...

I PRESENT today a fashion that's likely to rank as the Oddest of the Decade—with nine years still to go.

It's the Culotte Dress. Its top cut like a dress, its skirt cut like a pair of Bermuda shorts, and, like it or not, I believe it has a long fashion future ahead of it.

Balenciaga and Givenchy produced the first Culotte dresses over a year ago—surprise evening creations in gorgeous silks of which the flowing skirts were revealed, when the model moved, to be trousers after all.

Their lead was followed last season by several other couturiers; and the Americans have now taken it up in a big way, producing highly elaborate versions for cocktail, stunning sporty ones for the current favourite sport of bowling, and beautiful tweedy ones for the country.

The Culotte Dress has now arrived over here; the one in the picture was made up by one enterprising wholesale designer. And in the scintillating display of designs put on recently as a

celebration party for the new liner Oriana, by their namesake subtle firm of Oriana, an enterprising young designer called Ezzard Novill showed HIS version of the Culotte Dress: plain sleeveless top in deep blue, ankle-length wide trousers in deep blue, purple and white print, with a swinging matched stole.

Spirited

No fashion can be explained every inch of the way by claims that it is practical, however earnestly one tries: the long skirts of the New Look, for instance, were an affront to prevailing austerity conditions; and though a divided skirt may make sense for country rambles when you're scrambling over five-barred gates, such justifications fall to the ground at a cocktail party where no such hazards normally present themselves.

I see it, on the contrary, as a

piece of spirited nonsense in an age when, if fashion can be criticised, it is on the grounds that it has become almost too rare and sober, too simplified and sensible—a state of affairs in which Schiaparelli, the great iconoclast, would have found herself completely at sea, and Jacques Fath, the great far-talented, a most determined rebel.

One may also, perhaps, read into the Culotte Dress another significance; for years now women have been systematically robbing the men of almost every item in their wardrobes, from shirts outward. The Culotte Dress represents an attempt to feminise at least one such take-over.

It has, finally, one additional charm: it is long since any feminine fashion launched roused any controversy whatsoever. I sometimes sigh for those stirring times when any new edict of Paris was damned at sight by almost every man one knew. This seems likely to arouse at least a murmur of those days.

Well, do YOU like it?

(London Express Service).

FASHION taken in its stride; the revolutionary Culotte Dress, here for the first time to leave its mark on the '60s. This version: Sleeveless, belted, made in a midnight blue brocade starred with gold. Made by London Town.



PICTURE BY JOHN COLE



HOUSEHOLD HINTS

If soup is too salty cut a raw potato up and boil with the soup for a few minutes.

The greener the leaf in a leafy salad, the greater its nutritive value.

To clean leather-covered furniture, beat together the

white of an egg and some vinegar. Wipe all dust from the furniture and apply the mixture. Polish with a soft cloth.

Keep a mending box near your wardrobe, then you can tighten buttons and do any odd repairs the moment that they are necessary.

LADY LUCK

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19): Don't be tempted by a person born under Cancer to join him in a risky undertaking. It is not likely to be a very auspicious partnership.

PISCES (February 20-March 20): A colleague may be in a very contrary mood today, but you should make due allowance for his domestic troubles.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): If a young member of your family shows signs of creative ability, see that he is given every opportunity to develop his talents.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You may be successful in concealing your emotions most of the time, but one of these days you will be provoked into revealing them.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Don't be embittered if an unattractive act is misinterpreted. Remember the pleasure it gave you to make the gesture in the first place.

CANCER (June 22-July 21): Great delicacy will be required of you in handling a family situation if you want to avoid hurting an older person's pride.

LEO (July 22-August 21): It would be folly to let a

temporary infatuation come between you and your partner. Your whole future relationship could be seriously impaired.

VIRGO (August 22-September 22): Don't expect everybody to feel gay just because you are in a happy mood. We all have our ups and downs.

LIBRA (September 23-October 22): In order to keep the peace at work you may have to refrain from telling some unpleasant truths to your superior.

SCORPIO (October 23-November 21): Before taking on a new financial commitment, review your expenditures of the past year and make sure your present budget will permit it.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21): A very happy holiday season awaits you and you will be glad to have use of the funds you so wisely laid by.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20): In a new group of interesting people you may be surprised to find yourself the centre of attraction.

YOUR BIRTHDAY: If your birthday is this week, you will find a symbol of good fortune in a gift of a safety razor.

Rupert and the Purple Star-19



Rupert is astonished at his friend's excitement. "Is the purple starfish very rare?" he asks. "Rare? Of course, it's rare!" exclaims Sam. "It only lives in one place in the world. He unties the map of an island. There, that's one of Cap'n



Morgan's smuggling hut," he says. "It's far, far away and the Purple Star lives there. It could never have travelled all this way alone over the bed of the sea. This means that somebody has troubled to bring Purple Stars here. But who can it be? And why?"

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STORIES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

A Spider Seamstress

—Mr. Merlin Takes Shadows To Mrs. Spindrella—

By MAX TRELL

"I HATE Spiders!" Hanid, the Shadow Girl, was saying to her brother Knarf. "They have so many legs. And they look ugly. I don't know what good they are at all."

"Of course Spiders are good!" Knarf said. "They catch flies, don't they?"

"Doesn't like them"

"Yes, I suppose so," Hanid admitted with a sigh. "But I don't like them just the same," she added.

It was at that moment that Mr. Merlin, the Magnificent Magician, came along. He was wearing a green suit with a green umbrella and a green felt hat, with a green feather in it.

"I'm going for a walk and for a visit," he said to Knarf and Hanid. "Would you like to come along with me?"

When Knarf and Hanid asked Mr. Merlin where he was going to walk to and whom he was going to visit, he took a slip of paper out of his pocket and said:

"I've got the name and address right here. It's somebody I haven't met yet. But I was told she was a very good seamstress. My intention is to call on her and ask her to knit me a pair of green socks and green gloves."

Mr. Merlin lifted up the cuff of his trousers a bit to show Knarf and Hanid that he was wearing yellow socks. He also took out a pair of red gloves from his pocket.

"My socks and my gloves don't match my beautiful green suit and my green hat," he said. "Mr. Merlin now read off the name of the seamstress."

It was Mrs. Spindrella Spider.

"Hates spiders"

"Spider!" cried Hanid. "Oh no!"

Mr. Merlin gave Hanid a look as much as to say:

"Now what's got into you, young Lady?"

"I hate spiders!" said Hanid. "They've got too many legs. And they're so ugly."

But Mr. Merlin simply smiled and said that Hanid didn't know what she was talking about.

"I mean," he explained, "you don't know this Mrs. Spindrella. She may not be ugly at all. Now you just come along and make up your mind about her after you see her."

Didn't know

"I didn't know Spiders were able to knit socks and gloves," Knarf said to Mr. Merlin, as they walked down the street to Mrs. Spindrella Spider's house.

Mr. Merlin nodded his head solemnly. He was busy looking at the paper and making sure he was going to the right address.

It was a strange address:

"Number 3 Corner-of-the-Fence, Back Lot."

That's the funniest address

I ever heard of," said Knarf. "Here we are!" Mr. Merlin announced suddenly. "Here's the Back Lot. All we have to find is the Corner-of-the-Fence."

Found Mrs. Spindrella

They found it soon enough. They also found Mrs. Spindrella Spider sitting in the middle of her cobweb house.

"I hate Spiders!" Hanid started to say.

"Sh-h-h," warned Knarf. "She can hear you, Hanid!"

Mr. Merlin did an extraordinary thing at this moment. He uttered some magic words (I won't tell you what they were) and instantly they all became small. They found themselves standing in the middle of the cobweb.

Looked like ropes

It looked like an enormous spread of ropes all neatly tied together. Each rope seemed as wide as a sidewalk. Neither Knarf nor Hanid nor Mr. Merlin had any trouble walking right up to the place where Mrs. Spindrella Spider was waiting for them.

And this was the strangest thing of all. The Spider looked like an old Grandmother with a homely but pleasantly-wrinkled face. And her legs

looked almost exactly like knitting needles. Even her voice was plain and good-natured.

She said she would be very glad to knit Mr. Merlin a pair of brown socks and brown gloves.

Wants green colour

"But I want green socks and green gloves!" objected Mr. Merlin. "My whole suit is green. And my hat and my umbrella are green."

"In that case," said Spindrella, "I'd better knit you a brown suit and a brown hat and a brown umbrella."

"Lovely old thing, wasn't she?" Mr. Merlin later asked Hanid.

And Hanid found herself saying

"Yes, she really is."

It was curious. She found she didn't think Spiders were nearly as ugly as she had thought earlier that day.

The Shadows and Merlin found Spindrella in her cobweb house.

10-18

JACOBY on BRIDGE

WEST opened proceedings for the defence by cashing the ace and king of clubs. Then he looked around for new worlds to conquer.

It seemed almost certain to him that South would have good enough diamonds so that there would be no trick for East and West in that suit. After all South had jumped to four spades after his partner's single raise.

Therefore, all his hopes had to be in the heart suit and if he cashed the ace he would be practically conceding the contract. Accordingly, West led the five of hearts.

CARD Sense

Q—The bidding has been:

South West North East

2NT Pass 3♠ Pass

Now South holds:

♠KJ ♠AQJ ♠AK ♠A104

What do you do?

A—Bid three no-trump. You need 31 points for a minimum. Two no-trump opening and that is what you have.

TODAY'S QUESTION

Your partner continues with a bid of four clubs. You play this bid as normal and not a request to show ace. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

NORTH

♠KJ432

♥K4

♦9753

♣J2

EAST

♠5

♥QJ9873

♦100

♣9843

SOUTH (D)

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♣Q7

East and West vulnerable

South West North East

1♠ Pass 2♠ Pass

4♣ Pass Pass

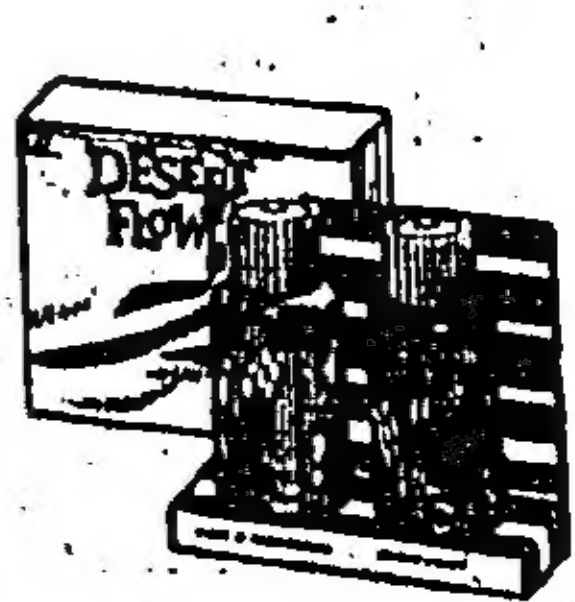
Opening lead—♠K

If South had happened to hold the jack of hearts the play would probably have succeeded. South would certainly have been inclined to mark the ace of hearts in the East hand and to play low from dummy in the hope that West had led from the queen.

The play succeeded anyway, but only because South came up with a nothing play. South was so sure that East would hold the ace of hearts that he did not even bother to play the king from dummy. East made his jack; West made his ace; and South had to live with his error.

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WOMEN'S FRAGRANCE LINE



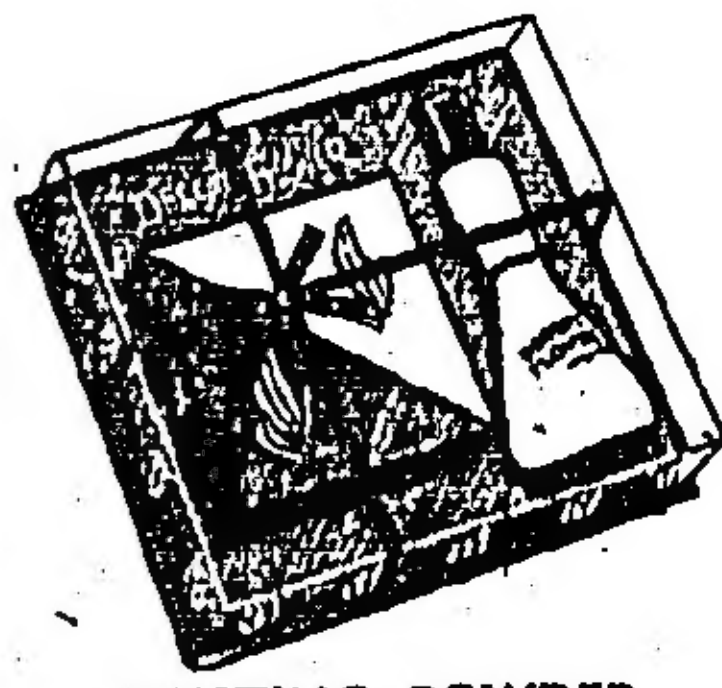
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RAF beat Navy to record second win in Hexangular Rugby Tournament

By 'PROP'

In a Hexangular Tournament rugby match at Causeway Bay on Saturday afternoon Royal Air Force beat the Navy by eight points (a goal and a try) to nil.

This game was marked by some of the poorest handling that I have seen this season, and the general standard of rugby served up by both sides was in marked contrast to that of their previous encounters with the Club and Police.

A mauling forward battle was the feature of the first half. The heavyweights Navy pack tried hard to subdue the RAF forwards and indeed did manage to acquire a major share of the ball in the tight but this did them no good whatsoever as they had not one single three-quarter who looked capable of giving or taking a pass whilst on the move.

More dangerous

The RAF on the other hand tried to throw the ball about and looked much more dangerous in attack than did the sailors.

With an advantage in the line-outs, and some fast following by their back-row, the RAF pack

whilst never getting on top of their counterparts did manage to get a good share of the ball in the loose and their three were kept busy.

The RAF three, however, ran about the field rather like domestic animals chasing their own tails, for when they did manage to hold their passes the Navy three were on to them quickly and knocked them down with some pretty good tackling.

Anthony, Jack and Dixon were securing a good share of the ball at the line-outs for the RAF and from one of these, near the Navy line, Geo made a half-break which was supported on the inside by Beck. The wing-forward transferred the ball back to Geo who with a small gap set his three moving. Poyner went into touch near the Navy line, but RAF using well their height took the ball at the line-out and switched their attack to the other side of the field.

Made the break

Roberts made the break and the ball travelled through Low to Gregory for the winger to touch down in the corner. Weavill was wide with the kick, and at half-time the airmen were in front by three points.

Shortly after the resumption Roberts again made a drop at goal. The ball struck the cross-bar cleanly and rebounded to Beck who scored near the posts. Weavill added the extra points and the Navy were eight points down.

From this point onwards the RAF controlled the game. The heavy Navy forwards found that the pace was too much for them

and were never once together in the loose. Indeed, the only time they were seen as a pack was at a set scrum!

RAF on the other hand threw the ball about, but wildly and with little apparent thought. They should have scored at least twice during this period but their finishing was appalling.

Pope at full-back saved the Navy side time after time, though playing well below his best. Land at fly-half, looked to be out of position but never gave up trying, and Orr-Ewing was the best of the forwards.

Tower of strength

For the RAF Weavill at full-back had a good game and this player could very well gain representative honours this season. Dixon was a tower of strength in the pack and Davies, at the base of the scrum, passed better than I have seen him pass all season. Roberts, in the centre, had a good game.

This was truly an uninspiring game from two teams who are capable of better things. Admittedly the Navy made quite a number of changes, but both sides will have to show better rugby than this if they are not to finish as "wooden-spoonists" this year!

The teams

RAF: Weavill, Poyner, Low, Roberts, Gregory, Geo, Davies, Richards, Raw, Broughton, Anthony, Jack, Barwell, Dixon, Beck.

Navy: Pope, Gunning, Crowley, Goodwin, Hunt, Land, Jones, Jones, Davies, Buchanan, Standard, Davy, Rogers, Thornycroft, Orr-Ewing.

Two bottom-of-the-league teams in fine softball match during weekend

By QLLY VAS

No surprise results were registered in the second round Junior softball league matches at King's Park over the weekend and although spectators' attention was as usual focussed on league-leading teams there was one fast and very sporting contest played off between two bottom-of-the-table sides.

In this Junior game the New Asia College boys triumphed over the Wolves to the tune of 21 runs to nil, the winners coming up with an errorless performance.

One of the three Japanese boys in the team, Furdole, was the first batter up and pitcher Castro failed to find the plate, walking Furdole on four balls. Countryman Tashiro then laid down a bunt along third base and the slow-rolling ball caught the Wolves' infield flat-footed, Furdole going all the way to third on the play.

Allen followed suit with another bunt, this time in the direction of first base and Furdole scored. Tashiro going to second base.

Catcher Takahashi, one of the previous season's nominees for the Most Valuable Player award, then batted. One of Castro's slow pitches to center-field and both Tashiro and Allen scored to put the Collegians up 3-0.

Neat bunt

After Chan had been tossed out in the infield Wong hit a long fly-ball to left-field, scoring Takahashi to increase New Asia's lead to 4-0. C. C. Wong hit a third strike go by and was called out by plate umpire Shotton to close the inning for the winners.

Castro led off for the Wolves with a neat bunt just in front of the plate which the opposition did not seem interested in fielding but Castro was too slow in his running towards second base and an accurate throw by Takahashi beat him to the base, for the Wolves' first out. Remedios and Tonnechy found difficulty with pitcher Chan's deliveries and could not hit the ball past the infield.

In the top of the second inning the Wolves started off well but two free tickets to first when Castro again failed to put over the strikes and some in-

accurate relays from the infield let in two New Asia runs to put the Wolves further behind. Then with one out they got themselves out of trouble by pulling off a double-play, the two Chans being the victims.

A line-drive off P. Chan's bat was well caught by second-baseman Jorge who then relayed the ball to first-sacker Docas who stepped on the bag before M. Chan's foot could make contact with it, the latter having dashed off as soon as the ball was hit. A very timely play this one.

Bad third inning

In the bottom of the second the Wolves still seemed to find M. Chan's pitching to their liking. Wu, Constantino and Gill all connecting but not getting the ball past the infield.

It was certainly a bad third inning for them after Roza had foul-tipped, Docas and Jorge fell victims to a double-play when both were in a position to open the scoring for their side. They had earlier held New Asia scoreless in the top of this inning.

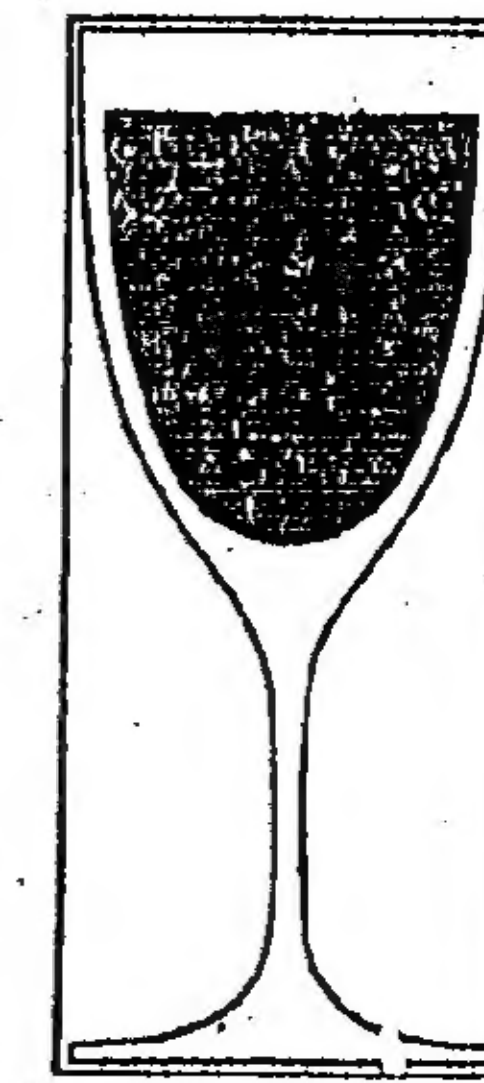
The Collegians were only ahead 6-0 when the fourth inning opened but soon it was 13-0 for they capitalised on some loose fielding by the losers and on only three hits they tallied seven times, twelve batters going up to the plate. No one would have blamed the Wolves for giving up at this stage but they kept on trying all the same.

In the top of the fifth the Collegians made the score even larger, the two big hits in this inning going to P. Chan who batted out a home run to right-centre and Shen who hit for two bases.

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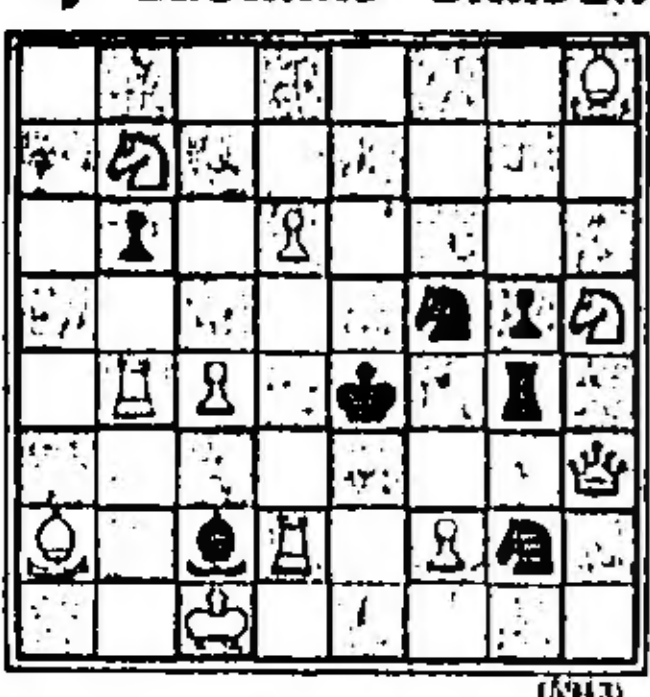
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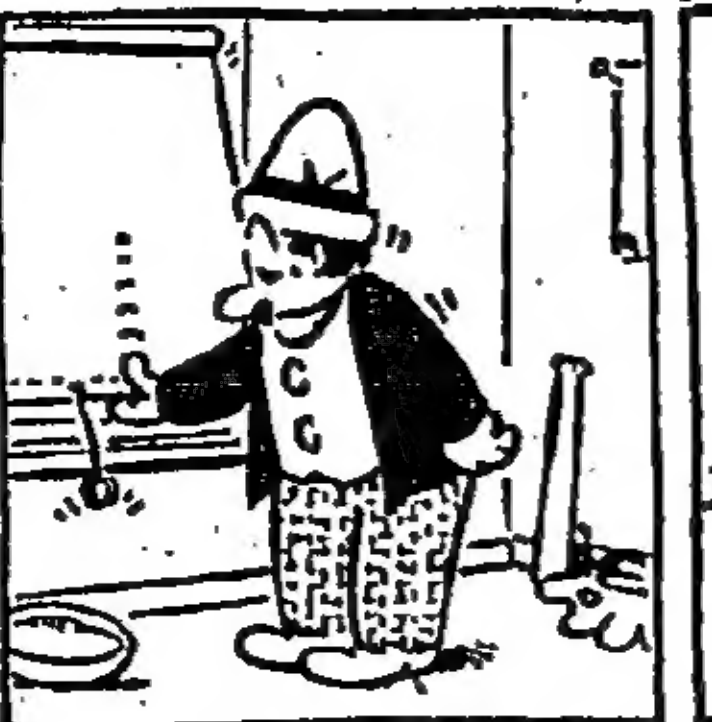


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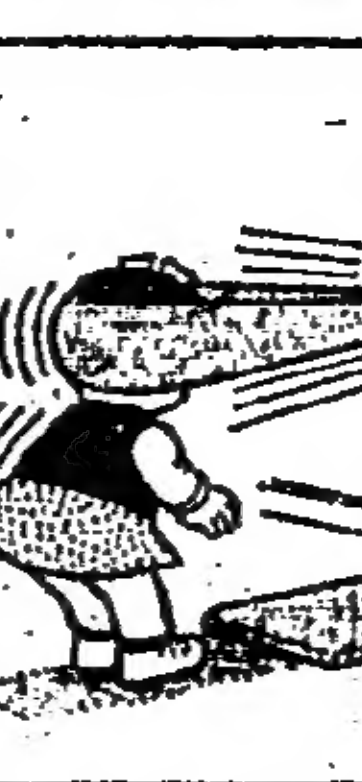
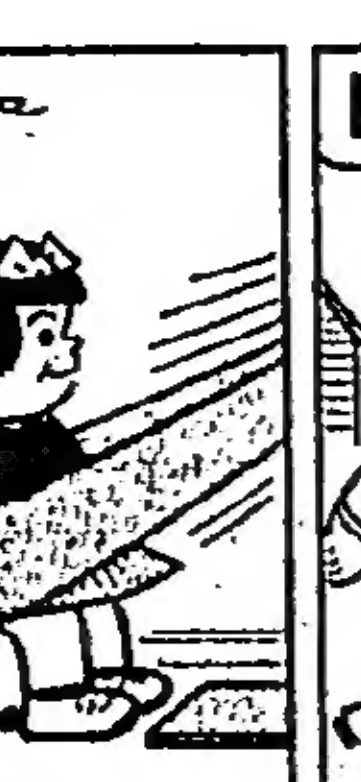
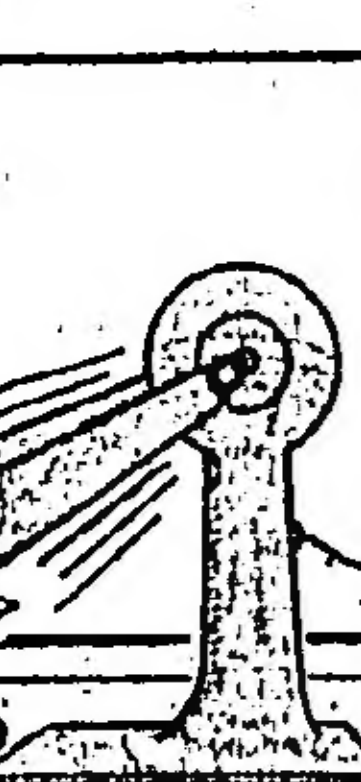
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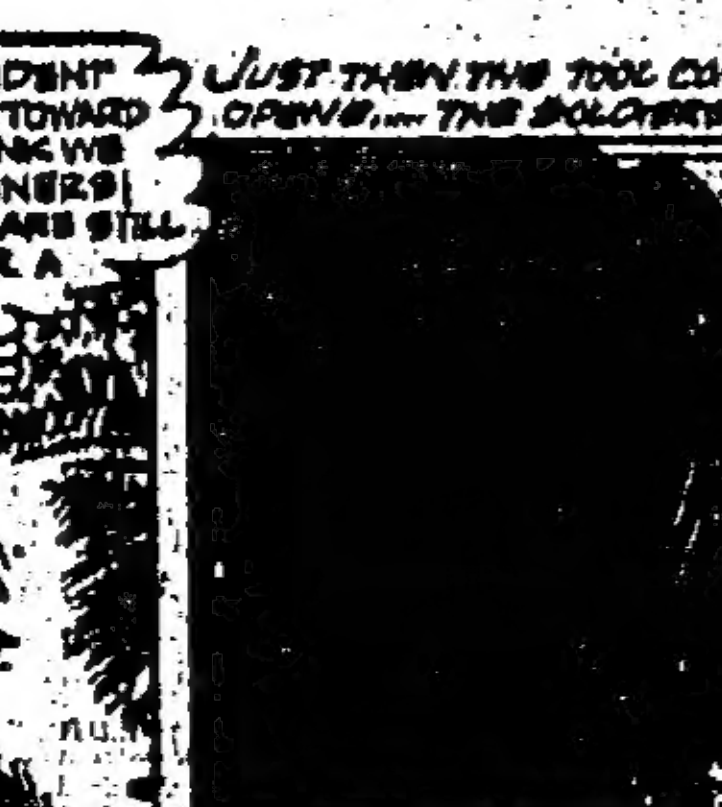


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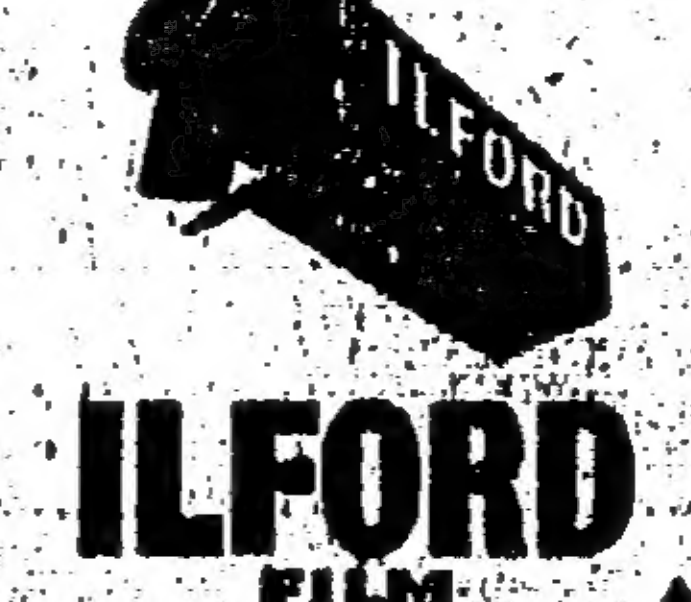


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By Paul Norris

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Bonn, Dec. 18.

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Thoma, 22-year-old skier, as

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Year.

Thoma won the Nordic Com-

bination in the Winter Olympics

at Squaw Valley. He gained

4,400 votes in the ballot

to win from Armin Hary,

Olympic 100 metres champion,

who had 2,591 votes.

Ingrid Kramer, 17-year-old

East German girl, who won

two Olympic silver gold

medals, was elected Sports-

woman of the Year—Reuter.

Sports Diary

TODAY

Soccer

1st Division: Army v RAF at

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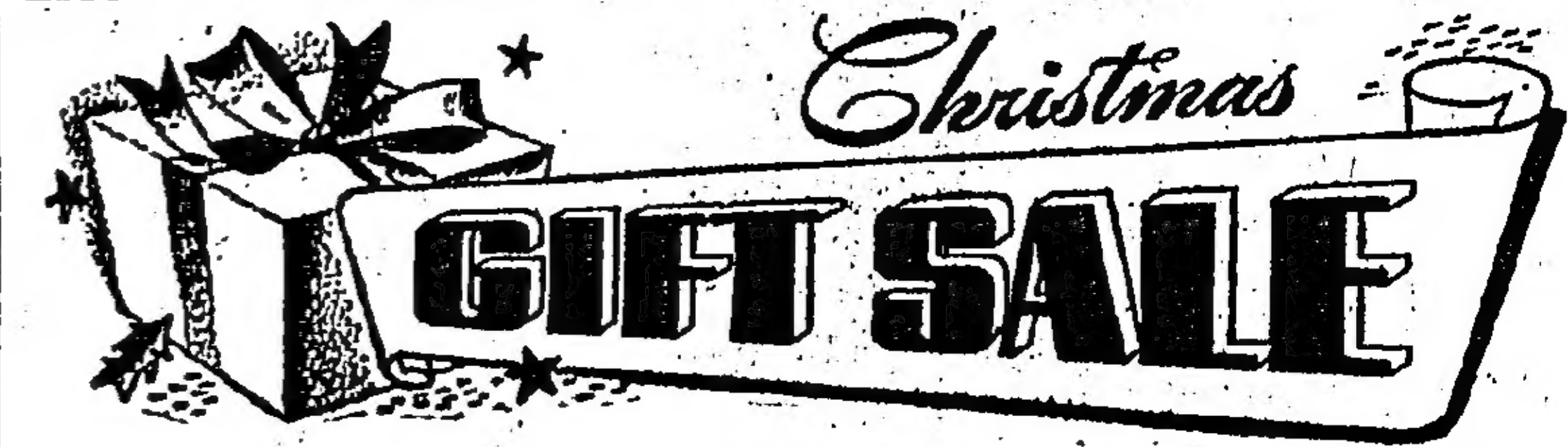
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Man allegedly killed woman with hammer

A man struck a woman co-tenant with a hammer on the head and then surrendered himself to the police, it was alleged in the Criminal Sessions this morning. The woman died in Queen Mary Hospital shortly after the alleged attack.

Before Mr Justice A. D. Scholtes and a jury of five men and two women, the man, a 47-year-old carpenter, Cheng Oi, pleaded not guilty to a charge of murder.

Mr D. N. E. Rea, Principal Crown Counsel, said that accused and the deceased woman,

Chan Mei-ling, were tenants of 35 D'Aguilar-street, ground floor. On the morning of October 27, they were seen on the cockloft with deceased's three-year-old daughter.

About 9 am, the deceased's 21-year-old god-daughter saw accused leaving the cockloft with a hammer in his hand. Mr Rea said. When she entered the cubicle where deceased stayed, she found the deceased lying on the bed bleeding from the head.

The girl shouted "save life" and chased after the accused. Mr Rea continued. Outside the house they had a brief scuffle but accused broke away.

GOODWILL GESTURE

By Anthony Fuller

A real seasonal gesture of goodwill has been made by the Universal-International Company representatives of Hongkong, in allowing the Lee Theatre to play their highly successful film, "The Brides of Dracula," over the Christmas Holiday.

Since the Astor Theatre was struck off U-I's list, following the action of the American Treasury, the Lee and Astor pairing for showing films has had to rely mainly upon British and Continental films, as most exhibitors demand that there is always a local double booking, one on the island and the other in Kowloon simultaneously.

Now that the Lee and Astor pairing is broken up, it leaves the Lee Theatre out on its own until it links up with the Princess at the New Year, and it also meant that the Lee Theatre was unable to obtain a first run film for the highly profitable Christmas season.

However, Universal-International, by permitting the Lee to run "The Brides of Dracula" has solved the Lee's problem.

Seaman fined

A 19-year-old seaman of HMS Caprice, Anthony Ernest Pitt pleaded guilty to assaulting a bar boy and was fined \$150 by Mr K.A.S. Phillips at Causeway Bay Court this morning. Inspector Y. C. L. M. prosecuting, said the assault took place in Carrie Bar, Wanchai, in the early hours yesterday when Pitt was told by the bar boy that beer was sold out.

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Meanwhile, an ambulance arrived and deceased was taken to the Queen Mary Hospital. She was still alive then but was unconscious and did not respond to any stimuli. Efforts of resuscitation failed and she died about 1.50 pm that day, Mr Rea said.

The accused, in the meantime, ran to the police station and spoke to a European officer. The officer, who was conversant in Cantonese, understood the accused to say that he had hit someone and that he had carried a hammer. A police corporal was called and in a cautioned statement, accused allegedly admitted striking the deceased with a hammer, Mr Rea said.

Accused was charged with causing grievous bodily harm but later word came through that the deceased had died. Accused was then informed that he would be charged with murder and made no reply, Mr Rea said.

Hearing is continuing. The accused was represented by Mr H.H.B. How, instructed by Mr C.P. Lai.



Mrs. A. Sommerfelt presenting Mr. George Tong with the key to the car which he won.—China Mail Photo.

Prize winner presented with a car

Mrs. A. Sommerfelt, President of the Marianne Reichl Aid to Lepers Group, this morning presented Mr. George Tong with the Mini-Minor car won at the Loper Christmas Fair on Saturday.

Mrs. Sommerfelt, who celebrates her birthday today, said it was a special pleasure to hand over so fine a prize on behalf of the Group. She thanked Mrs. J. A. B. Leckie and Mrs. C. S. Watson, who were present, for their hard work in organising the donation tickets drive.

Mrs. J. A. Fegg, Chairman of the Fair, added her thanks and congratulations to the lucky winner.

Mr. Tong, a staff member of Union Insurance, thanked the ladies and told them that he had bought two tickets and

given one away to a friend. He plans to drive the car himself, as his own "is getting rather old."

Pickpocket gets two years' jail

A two years' sentence was imposed this morning by Mr I. M. S. Donnell at North Kowloon Court on a 26-year-old man, Lee Wah, for picking the pocket of a factory worker containing three dollars.

Lee pleaded guilty. Sub-Inspector M. H. Dorman, prosecuting, said that last Saturday the complainant, Tsai Lam, was waiting for a bus in Castle Peak-road near Kam Tsun-street, when he noticed the defendant picking his rear trousers pocket.

Tsai gave chase and caught the defendant.

CHRISTMAS CALLS BOOKED

London, Dec. 19. Christmas Day phonecalls from Britain to Hongkong, New Zealand, South Africa, Rhodesia are already fully booked, the British telephone authorities announced here.—Reuter.

Two charged with corruption

Two army civilian employees on corruption charge appeared before Mr K. A. S. Phillips at the Causeway Bay Court this morning.

They were Tang Chuk-sum, 40, a grade B clerk attached to "Q" branch, Headquarters L and Forces, Victoria Barracks, who pleaded guilty and Li Kwong, alias Li Sun, 45, a kitchen hand at Stanley Post, who pleaded not guilty.

CONSPIRING

They were accused of conspiring together and corruptly receiving \$80 from Lam Ngai-tai between October 1 and November 30 as inducement for getting him a job as a kitchen hand with the Civilian Establishment Pay Office of the War Department, Stanley Post.

Hearing was fixed for January 26 and 27. Tang was granted bail of \$2,000 and Li, bail of \$500.

Worthy effort by an amateur choir

By D. E. GRAY

Although few would claim that the musical writing of A. R. Gaul is profound, his oratorio "The Ten Virgins," presented by the Christian Association, University of Hongkong, last evening, had just the degree of simplicity which was suitable for an amateur choir of young University students.

Although the choir was more than 80 strong, it failed to produce very much sound, particularly in the bass section, which at times was barely audible. Nonetheless, the intonation was good at all times, and this covers a multitude of sins, in my opinion.

The soloists were Gullietta Tum, soprano, Ruth Chow, contralto, Frank Huang, tenor, and Paul Tsang, bass. All four were visitors, and the only really trained singers in the group. The choir master was Pang Wing and the choir was accompanied by an electronic organ and a piano. The organ was played rather like a piano,

where no use is made of the right pedal, and did not achieve that continuous rolling harmony one associates with an organ, but it did make up for the lack of bass, and after all, it is something to have an organ at all for accompaniment. The piano accompaniment by Woo Yuen-poon was particularly effective.

The story of the oratorio is based on the Biblical story of the "Ten Virgins." Generally speaking, the choir was in better voice in the second half than the first half, and in particular, the Quartet and Chorus "Glory and Worship are before Him" was sung very well, in fact much the best combined effort of the evening. The soloists are especially Gullietta Tum and Ruth Chow, who through the lyrical quality of their singing, contributed so much to the success of this oratorio. Ruth Chow's solo "God will not the death of a sinner" was given a beautiful rendering—not only has her voice a lovely quality, but her musicianship is apparent in everything she sings.

In all, this was a worthy effort on the part of the Christian Association. There will be a repeat performance tonight at the Queen Elizabeth School, Kowloon, at 8 o'clock.

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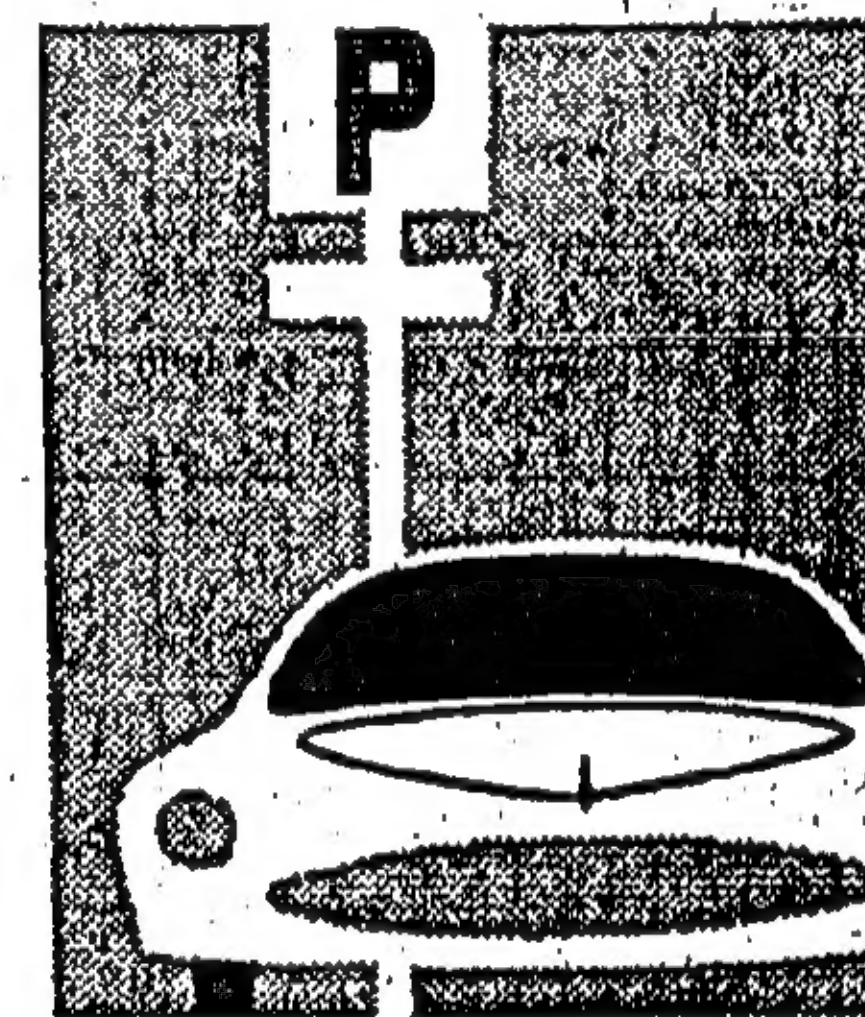
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December 1935

A BREAKDOWN causing some disorganisation of the Colony's transport services occurred to the Vehicular ferry wharf yesterday morning.

It was the first mishap to the service since its inception, and it was soon repaired. It appears that one of the cables which lifts the pontoon bridge at the wharf on the Hongkong side gave way at about 9.30 a.m. yesterday making it impossible for the boats to load or discharge.

Cars and trucks were, in consequence, unable to cross the harbour and were held up till late in the afternoon, when the defect was repaired. Gangs of workmen were set to work on the damaged bridge as soon after it gave way as possible, and the vehicular service was able to resume operations shortly after 5 p.m. yesterday.



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dear sir

I have read with interest and admiration what Jojo Gutz and Natty wrote in this valuable column. I would like to join them by drawing the topic a wee bit nearer. It goes without saying that gambling is a vice—vice of intemperance leading to depravity, wickedness and destruction. Unlike in Macao, gambling is not legalised here, and yet gamblers have found their way to the Sport Of Kings. This popular game has, however, called forth quite a big bunch of dishonest gamblers who are far from being members of the Jockey Club but taking to gambling as a profession. In racing days they frequent the members stand or the public enclosure when they could afford. At times as pecuniary circumstances hardly permit, they leave their betting in the hands of bookies, thereby awaiting such golden dreams to come true.

After all, Jojo Gutz is right in suggesting that gamblers would never reform. You always find these unsuccessful gamblers at the grave yard behind the Club premises or under the toto, looking unctuously forward to the winning result of certain ponies to which their tickets should apply. They can hardly leave the races unattended before putting themselves up in a grave.

MOK TSUN FONG.



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